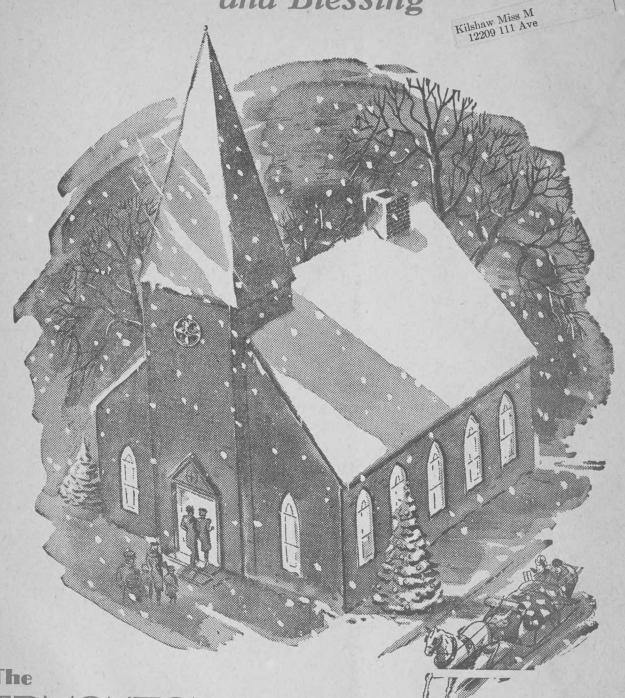
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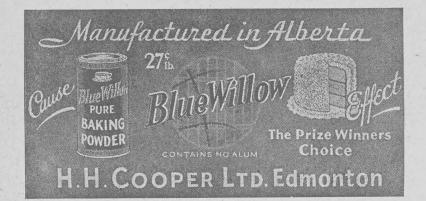
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The Bishop's Page

My dear People:

As I write Christmas seems a long way off. But in the economy of THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN it is just round the corner. With the return of Christmas I am reminded that our Diocesan magazine is two full years old. Those of us who have had a share in the work are glad to think that it has served a useful purpose. But the production costs have been greater than the revenue we have received and so we are compelled to increase the subscription rate, and to ask you to send in any past-due subscriptions at an early date. I can take this opportunity to say that Canon Nainby and his staff deserve our gratitude for the fine job they have done.

When the Church came to observe the season we now call Christmas as the anniversary of the coming of Jesus into the world, it was simply from a sense of the fitness of things. Christmas was just the ancient New Year, the first day of the visibly increasing light; and they meant that His coming was to them a sure promise of the passing of the winter of their darkness.

To understand their feelings we must not think of our warm well-lit firesides, with our books and busy social intercourse, but of a people whose houses were mere shelters, cold, unperfectly lit, inadequately weatherproof, in which there was little furniture and no books. Thus the long winter nights were a weariness and a discomfort. Jesus came into the world on the day of the new light and His coming is always celebrated as a day of warm, comfortable, friendly home life. Christmas declares the world to be a friendly place, for on that day God made His supreme offer of friendship and by the sending of His Son tried to win our friendship in return.

Christmas tells us that the world is made for friendship-friendship between nations, friendship between men, and above all friendship between man and God. Moreover, it tells us that we cannot live happy and useful lives without it. Even commerce and industry are made for brotherhood and friendship. We can only live if other nations will take our wheat and will give us what we need in return. Every article of trade is an outward and visible sign of Brotherhood. Commerce cannot live without friendship.

When we contemplate the real meaning of Christmas as the declaration of friendship we see that what God offers is precisely what the world is perishing for lack of; there is a famine of love in the

world. Friendship is the world's deep need. What does it mean?

We all know. It is something within the experience of all of us. Three things are true of it: (1) It is always mutual. It does not exist until it is returned as well as given. As it takes two to make a quarrel, it takes two to touch the splendour of friendship. (2) It is always built on respect for human personality. You cannot be top-dog and friend to the same person. (3) It is always sacrificial. It costs something. You have to give it in order to get it: if I am utterly selfcentred I can never know it. These three marks of friendship are our legacy from God in Christ. We can see why the Divine Purpose is so very slow of fulfilment. He cannot force Himself upon us. His respect for human personality, His courtesy, forbids

The chief problem we face is how to widen the area of our friendships so as to include others than those of our own set, or class, or country or colour. There was a picture in "Punch" some time ago of a little boy being reproved by his father for having been beaten in a school examination by "a mere girl." The little boy replies: "But, papa, I don't think girls are as mere as they used to be." When we have caught the meaning of Christmas, is anyone any longer mere? God is no respector of persons. He comes to us not as an over-riding force but as a friend; He will not command us as slaves, He calls us as brethren.

The conclusion of the whole matter is that we can never be reconciled to one another until we are reconciled to God. Christmas gives us our best chance to do this. The heart of the world is always more ready at this season than at any other time in the year. Let us make the most of it. The purpose of God in the life of the world is simply the spreading and deepening of the experience of friendship until it covers the whole earth.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS,

Yours faithfully,

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Editorial

Christmas

The Christmas season with all its magic will soon be upon us, and we shall be singing again the age-old carols and hymns which have meant so much to the lives of men and women and children throughout the centuries.

Christmas has many messages to proclaim. Its first and all important message is that God cares for His world. The Incarnation is the supreme manifestation of the love of the Father. In the fullness of time God sent His only Son. Amidst all the trappings and trimmings of the Christmas season, that fact must stand out above all others to give meaning to the feast. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His Glory, the Glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of Grace and Truth." The first part of Christmas is CHRIST.

It is not easy to give Christ the first place in His own festival. It is such a happy occasion that we have filled it with festivities, and in many a household the business of exchanging presents, the preparations for feasting, and all the excitements connected with a great holiday have literally crowded out the Christ from His own birthday. The sad fact is that countless millions will celebrate His birthday without mentioning His Name, or pausing to thank God for His great Gift.

Christmas has also the message of Goodwill. The Song of the Angels rang through the skies, "Glory to God in the Highest, and Peace on Earth to men of Goodwill." The peace of God was promised to those who respond to God's Gift in the Person of His Son. It was no promise of unconditional peace, as we have long since learned. God's peace does not descend upon those who do not honour His Name. It is already the cherished possession of those who do.

Our world has substituted "Good Wishes" for "Goodwill." It is so much easier going around at Christmas-tide wishing happiness than it is willing happiness. We can wish people well without the strain of having to do anything about it. To will them well means a very definite action on their behalf. So on Christmas Day we are on the best of terms with everyone, but we are all too busy to allow the Angels' Song to do anything other than minister to our own well-being and pleasure, and men confuse a full stomach with the idea of God's Peace.

The message of the Angels is Goodwill, and God's Gift of the Christ Child should inspire us to try to do something about it at Christmastide. In our homes, in our churches, in our places of work, we can manifest this goodwill towards men and hasten the day when there will be true Peace on earth.

Our Diocesan Magazine

The end of the calendar year coincides with the end of another year of publication of The Edmonton Churchman, and the magazine is now two years old.



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Its circulation has risen, and it finds its way, month by month, into between five and six thousand homes. We are convinced that it serves a very fine purpose, and has had the effect of drawing all the parishes of the Diocese closer together in thought, interest and sympathy.

To all who have helped in this worthwhile Diocesan effort we offer our grateful thanks, and express the hope they will continue to show their great interest. The Bishop's Letter is looked forward to with eagerness each month, and the regular articles by the Rev. T. C. B. Boon and the Rev. F. A. Peake are much enjoyed by a wide following of interested readers. Other occasional contributors have also played their part, and we would like to especially commend the parish correspondents who send in the local news of their own churches, so that all of us are able to keep ourselves informed of the many ways and the many fronts on which the Church is advancing. We would also like to thank our Advertisers for their continued support.

With the commencement of the New Year the price of the magazine will be increased to Fifty Cents. This is only half the price charged for most similar church magazines throughout the country, and the increase has been found necessary because of increased costs in printing, and the quite heavy mailing charges. Half of the subscription cost in the past two years has gone to cover the cost of mailing. Subscriptions will be paid in the usual way through the parish to which you belong.



Church and State in England

REV. C. E. F. WOLFF

The above heading formed the subject of an editorial in a recent edition of the Edmonton JOURNAL (November 9th, 1946).

There was one statement made that should not be allowed to remain unchallenged. The writer stated, "The Anglican Church is, of course, an 'established or state church,' supported in part at least, by public funds. . . ." Now then, what are the facts? With the exception of those who are in the direct employment of the State as chaplains, either in the forces or in certain public institutions, the stipends of clergy of the Church of England are not paid out of public funds. On May 4th, 1943, in a Parliamentary reply to a question by Mr. T. Driberg, as to whether, apart from Service and prison chaplains, it would be "correct to say that none of the clergy or bishops of the Church of England are paid by the State," the Chancellor of the Exchequer (Sir Kingsley Wood), replied, "Yes, sir."

One may then ask the obvious question, how are the clergy paid? Partly by the income on endowments, the generous gifts of churchmen from the sixth century onwards, and partly by current contributions from present-day churchmen. And it is the belief of this writer that the givings of churchpeople are greater than the total income received from endowments in the proportion of five to three.

Upon being challenged by a correspondent as to the accuracy of his statement, the editorial writer answered with the following generalization: "While the Church of England does not receive direct payments from the British treasury, it has had for centuries the right to collect taxes from the English people, in the form of tithes. These are assessed against most of the agricultural land in the country, and are payable whether or not the owner is a member of the Church. The Church of England is thus to some extent maintained by a system of public taxation."

Now what are the facts? The origin of the tithe, properly called the Tithe-Rent-Charge, is shrouded in obscurity. Tithes are older than the first Act of Parliament. Back in A.D. 885 King Ethelwulf gave a tithe of the produce of his own estates to the clergy, such payment to be made in perpetuity. Many other great landowners subsequently followed his example, just as many before him had done so. This writer is unable to discover exactly when and where tithes were first paid to the Church of England. Tithing was a widespread practice in Old Testament times and it appears to have been carried on naturally into the life of the Christian Church. We do know that these voluntary gifts were made to the Church in England and that by the sixteenth century tithes amounted to a very great sum and it might be true to say that a very great part of the agricultural land in England was subject to this tithe rent charge. But it had better be remembered that King Henry VIII was as much interested in the Church's goods as in the Church's good, and the greater part of all tithes were alienated from the Church—a little went to endow educational foundations but the greater part went into the pocket of the king and his courtiers. I believe it is true to say that no land not subject to tithe in the sixteenth century has been subject to this form of tax since. So much for the statement that the Church's income is drawn from tithes levied on "most" of the agricultural land of England.

What is the tithe? It is a levy made against certain land, an obligation voluntarily entered upon by holders of the land in ancient days, constituting a permanent charge on the land. When people buy agricultural land in England it is stated in the agreement whether the land is subject to tithe, and the purchase price is considerably reduced in consideration of such necessary payments or permanent charges on the land. Hence, as a matter of common honesty a person purchasing land on which a tithe rent charge is assessed (and accordingly paying less for it than for a correspondingly good piece of land not subject to tithe) has no reason to complain of an unjust exac-

DIOCESAN NEWS





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- 1-1st SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
- 8-2nd SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
- 15-3rd SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
- 21-St. Thomas, A. & M.
- 22-4th SUNDAY IN ADVENT.
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- 27-St. John, A. & E.
- 28-Innocents' Day.
- 29—1st SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS.



NOTES BY THE BISHOP

The New St. Andrew's Church, Camrose

The Act of Dedication of the new St. Andrew's Church at Camrose was performed on Friday evening, November 29th, the eve of the Patronal Festival. The Holy Eucharist was celebrated the following morning at 10 a.m.

The whole Diocese enters into the joy which moves the rector and people of Camrose as they offer to God this symbol of their faith and their devotion. All who have had a share in this good gift may justly feel a sense of pride and thanksgiving, now that the work is very nearly completed.

I can write about the new church, and those who are responsible for it, with personal knowledge. The form of the building is different from any other in Canada. It is the result of the creative genius of Mr. R. P. and Mr. W. Blakey, who have given so generously of their time and their great talents to help in the matter of this and several other similar buildings in the Diocese. Certain modifications of the original design have been made for various reasons, but the essential form stands "a thing of beauty."

There is not space to tell of all who have had a share in the work. Every member of the congregation and many of other communions in the district have contributed their share. I shall not offend anyone by singling out Mr. W. F. Grafton, whose attention to the details of construction and whose artistic skill have enriched almost every aspect of the building. The Sanctuary and Chancel furniture, the Font and the interior finish are his creative work. The general construction was carried out by Mr. L. J. Murrant, and bears eloquent testimony to his skill and his devotion to the work he had in hand.

I must find a stopping place for these notes and leave to another a fuller description of both the church and the memorable Service of Dedication. After months of working and waiting and watching the Rector and people of Camrose may, with gratitude, leave their gift upon the Lord's Altar and receive it back from Him to be

used henceforth only in conjunction with Him, and the working out of His wise purposes.

The Mission and the Visit of the Rev. R. F. Palmer, S.S.J.E.

No words of mine can possible convey the sense of gratitude we all feel for the life and ministry amongst us of the Reverend R. F. Palmer, S.S.J.E. The Gospel came to life for us once again, the old familiar Bible stories were retold in vivid terms; the mighty acts of God in creation and redemption "found us;" the Holy Communion Service gained new meaning through the reverent and simple explanation which he gave as the service proceeded. But, above all, the children were led step by step, by story, illustration and song to the reverent and intelligent worship of God in Christ. It was a week long to be remembered.

Not least of the debts we owe to Dr. Palmer are the hours he spent in the mornings with the clergy in which he told us, out of his long experience, what he had discovered concerning the best methods of Mission preaching. The net result will surely be a fresh sense of vocation and a new awareness of the privileges we enjoy as ministers of the Word and Sacraments.

The Reverend L. E. C. Frith, S.S.J.E., B.A., B.Sc.,

of the Mission House, Bracebridge, arrived in the Diocese on Friday morning, November 22nd, to begin a period of work

tion. The Church does not ask for what does not belong to her. And whatever a person's religious scruples may be, surely honest dealing is common to all Christian beliefs. And, it might be added, the amount of tithe was settled long ago, not on the present day value of the land but on the value at the time of settlement.

It may now be pointed out that the Church of England no longer owns tithe or mining royalties. Some years ago the Church surrendered them in consideration of a lump sum paid to commute them. The net result so far is that these clergy who derive their income, partially or wholly, from tithes, suffered a net loss in pay of at least twenty-five per cent.

Some years ago this writer learned of the existence of a "fabrique tax" levied on the property of many Roman Catholics in the Province of Quebec for the benefit of their Church. Protestants purchasing any property—house or land— subject to this tax had the privilege of continuing to pay it, but they also bought their property at a lower price than would normally be paid. Again, they have no complaint. People buy property for a definite purpose—to profit themselves—and not usually for the sake of doing a good turn to somebody and if they wish to buy property, on which tithe or a church tax of some kind is levied, for valuable consideration, they have no real grievance if they are called upon to fulfill their part of the bargain.

Now to sum up, the Church of England—not the Anglican Church—no longer owns tithes. She has commuted them for a sum that brings in an income far less than the tithe rent charge. Her clergy are not paid by the State except to the same extent as some clergy of all the churches in Canada, who are service or institutional chaplains.

at Drayton Valley, and at other places in the Diocese during the next few months. I am grateful to him, and to Fr. Palmer, for this temporary addition to our depleted staff. The first duty of Father Frith was to repair an organ for the Frog Lake Mission, a very practical ministry for which he is noted. In behalf of us all I bid him a hearty welcome to our fellowship.

Miss Barbara Onions

When Miss Onions learned that I could not make an appointment to Drayton Valley, with characteristic devotion, she decided to continue her work there for the winter. This is the kind of decision we have learned to expect from her, and it must move us all to deep gratitude.

Ordination of The Rev. H. G. Brant

On Sunday morning, November 24th, in All Saints' Cathedral, the Rev. Harry George Brant, B.A., was raised to the priesthood. Mr. Brant has served as assistant to the Dean during the past sixteen months, and has won the regard of all who know him. The Rev. Canon S. C. Steer, D.D., Principal of Emmanuel College, Saskatoon, of which Mr. Brant is a graduate, preached the Ordination sermon. A notable and a moving aspect of the service was the presence of his father, the Reverend W. Brant of Clandonald, who read the Epistle.

On Sunday, December 1st, Mr. Brant began his ministry at Wainwright, where he will serve until the end of January, or until the Reverend F. E. Smith is able to commence his work in that parish.

May God bless the Reverend Harry George Brant in all his future ministry.

St. Michael's, Edmonton

I have asked the Reverend L. M. Watts to become priest-in-charge of St. Michael's Mission in North Edmonton. Upon the retirement of Canon Matthews from St. Stephen's, it was decided that his successor, the Reverend C. G. F. Wolffe, should no longer be responsible for this work. At a meeting of the people associated with the Mission, held on Friday, November 22nd, arrangements were made for a regular schedule of services. In due course I feel sure a very thriving parish will develop in this area. The next step in our plans of extension in the city must be taken in the North End. St. Faith's urgently needs the help of an assistant priest, who will not only lift some of the heavy burden which Mr. Watts is carrying but will also be able to develop the work at St. Michael's.

The Wainwright Vicarage

The wardens and vestry of St. Thomas', Wainwright, have undertaken extensive interior decoration and rewiring of the vicarage, in preparation for the coming of their new parish priest in January. The result will make for the comfort and convenience of Canon Smith and his family. It is, however, generally recognized that before very long a new vicarage will have to be built. I must, however, commend heartily the care and attention which is being given to the vicarage at this time. it is one of the many signs of the fine spirit which always characterizes the people of Wainwright.

Sedgewick

At a meeting of the congregation after Evensong on Sunday, November 10thjust fifteen years after my first visit to Sedgewick, during the incumbency there of Canon Nainby-I spoke of the need of modernizing the vicarage. While I have not yet heard the conclusion to which the people have come, my suggestion was favourably received and I have good hopes that steps will be taken in this regard. The congregation showed unmistakable signs of strength, in spite of the fact that the parish is at present without a resident parish priest. The Reverend Canon C. F. A. Clough is at present supplying the regular Sunday services, and will continue to do so until a priest is appointed.

Diocesan Synod

I am calling a meeting of the Synod of the Diocese to be held on the 11th, 12th and 13th of February, 1947. These dates fall in the week before the beginning of Lent. It is my hope that the dates will be convenient, and that we may take part of the time to prepare ourselves for a real spiritual advance in the season of Lent.

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Provincial Synod

The Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land has been called by the Metropolitan to meet in Winnipeg on April 23rd, 24 and 25th, 1947. Synod last met in 1942. The Provincial Synod comprises the Dioceses of: Rupert's Land, Brandon, Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, Qu'Appelle, Calgary, Edmonton, Athabasca, Kewatin and the Arctic

Problems peculiar to the Church in the West, where most of the missionary dioceses are located, will be discussed and plans and policies formulated.

St. Saviour's, Vermilion

The story of the anniversary services held at St. Saviour's, together with pictures of the first service and the first Women's Auxiliary, will appear in the January issue of The Edmonton Church-

Thanksgiving Services January 12th, 1947

Sunday, January 12th, the first Sunday after the Epiphany, has been appointed the day upon which we will give thanks to Almighty God for His blessing upon the Anglican Advance Appeal. An Order of Service has been printed and will be sent to the clergy. This day should find our people in church prepared in heart and mind to offer a sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving.

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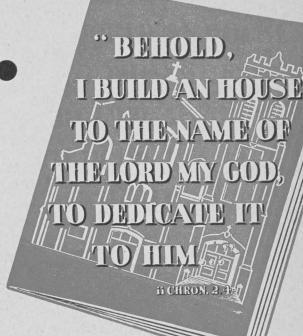
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Unto Us a Child is Born A SERMON BY THE REV. S. J. BELL

Isaiah 9: 6.

Christmas is most often thought of as the children's festival. Its spirit is felt to be definitely bound up with the family. It calls to mind the scene at Bethlehem, a family group, and a new born Son. It is very truly the one birthday in which all the world's children can join in celebrating. There is therefore nothing strange in finding a warmth and Christmas glow as families join in sharing, as one greater family, the Advent of the Christ-child. It is as though He joined each family circle at this season, and called to our remembrance words spoken later in Judaea concerning the children "of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

Unknown to the world into which our Lord came that first Christmas, the hopes and fears of all the years met at the manger bed. Prophets, priests and kings had had faint inklings of this divine event, and felt that the salvation of Israel would be bound up with, and dependent upon, the coming of the Messiah. That any had gone quite as far as to visualize the actual coming of the Babe to Bethlehem, we cannot say, though the words of the prophets, especially those of Isaiah, have been applied to this, God's supreme revelation of Himself. Looking back with humble gratitude the Christian Church rejoices in the birth of the Redeemer, in the knowledge of the Father made clear in the life of the Son, which began, humanly speaking, on the day we commemorate.

Around the Holy Family, to make the scene complete, we group the characters mentioned in the Gospels. The simple shepherds from the hills, men in the long succession of shepherds from Abraham, Moses and David, come shyly forward with humble offerings, perhaps milk, wool or a lamb. They bow in adoration to the One of Whom they had heard strange things from the angel band as they watched their flocks. As silently they slip away again to their waiting sheep, and the night is still.

Yet another group is familiar to the children. The wise men from the East on their camels have crossed the deserts and travelled long distances, may be from Ecbatana or the shores of the Caspian Sea. Here they are in Bethlehem looking for the Baby Jesus. When they had found

Him they brought their costly treasures, as befitted kings, gold frankincense and myrrh. These they presented in token of their homage to the King of kings.

There was still another group present that first Christmas. We don't know how many they were. They were not standing together. Some were lying asleep, some were on one side of the manger, some on the other. There were the friendly animals whose home the Christ Child shared when there was no room in the inn. They did not know what this holy scene meant, at least we usually think they didn't, but who can tell? Maybe He Who made them also made them aware that He was here. I think children would feel this to be true. So, in the words of Papini, "First to worship Jesus were animals, not men. Among men He sought out the simplehearted; among the simple-hearted He sought out children. Simpler than children and milder, the beasts of burden welcomed Him.'

We have often thought of the world of Jesus' time and the people in it, when our minds have dwelt upon this humble scene in the stable at Bethlehem. We must have thought of Joseph and Mary as they journeyed from Nazareth, on crowded roads at this, for them, inconvenient time. They had to be in Bethlehem for the census. They looked around the inns for accommodation but none could be found. They finally had to take what was offered, the place where the cattle were sheltered, and, "Lo, there was He born!"

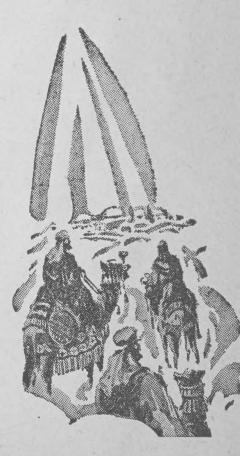
I say we have thought about this and emphasized at times the apparent neglect and unconcern that seemed to be a part of the life of people in those days. We have felt that they did the Son of God a great injustice. But perhaps we see it now in a different light. Across the centuries men and women have been called to endure hardness for His sake, and have ever been encouraged by the knowledge that He shared their sufferings. From the Manger to the Cross He knew much of the rough places in human life, and at times had nowhere to lay His head.

In our own day amid the horrors of war children have been born into the world under many tragic conditions. On the roads of Europe, in the jungles, as parents fled from the enemy, in bombed cities, on

ships at sea, far from home children have seen the light of day and gained impressions of their world of such a character that you and I can never guess. Some are growing up now, just a few years old, with scars that lie deep in their young lives, difficult to heal, because they date back to the time of birth-or when they could first sense that they were part of a hostile world. I should like to think that they all shall have the chance to hear about Him Who first opened His eyes to find the cattle part of the company near His manger-bed. I hope that the Christmas scene will speak to them of the love of God, and that later they will come to know Him as the One Who cares for them in what may seem to them an uncaring world.

We have mentioned how the hopes of the world, its highest hopes, were to be realized in the message of the Incarnation. God had spoken in a way that all mankind might understand. He had shown His concern for the wayward race of men, by coming among us, in the Person of His Son; living man's life, sharing his sufferings, and enduring the Cross. He had shown by His Resurrection, His power over sin and death, and called upon His

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people to conquer in His strength. The earthly story, however, began when, in the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Unto us a Son was born.'

It is important to notice that in some measure the hope of the world is re-born who lost their way, or perhaps never of the Holy Family, of that Birthday which they remember at Christmas, of God's gift of His Son to the world. Let him come to feel a kinship with Him Who was Himself a child, and as they grow in stature may they grow in grace, until they come to His everlasting Kingdom.

To this end may we pray for them and for ourselves in the words of Phillips Brooks-

> "O Holy Child of Bethlehem Descend to us, we pray; Cast out our sin, and enter in; Be born in us today."

There is seldom any change through chance. We face today change by choice or change by force.

It's when you come up against the will of the next guy that you learn the extent of your own.

Usually it's cracking down that starts the crack-up of a home.

Taking sides never gets to the bottom of a problem.

Wasted food should give us food for thought—then food for the hungry.

The "isms" demand sacrifice of the individual. Democracy depends on individual sacrifice.

It's the things that burn up that burn us out.

Have more iron in your resolve and fewer irons in the fire.

Most of us agree something should be done about the mess the world is in-then go about our own business, hoping someone else will do it.

You may not feel up to sometlng but that does not mean you have to be down

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every time a new member of the human family appears. The dictators and other workers of evil were once children, children found the right way. So the great servants of God, men and women, were once boys and girls who were led into fellowship with

their Heavenly Father. Thus it becomes necessary that we seek more and more to lead the children to the Children's Service. When minds and hearts are open and receptive to receiving the simple truths of God in childhood we should do all we can to help them. Let the children first think

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The Christmas Star

By MARY TONGUE

"Hast thou seen the star again, my husband?"

The Wise Man nodded. "Yea, we have seen it. The King is born!"

"And tomorrow you set forth?"

"Tomorrow the other men set forth."

"But not thou, Medak?"

"How can I"—he dropped his voice— "and leave the Boy like this? Thou knowest it would be very many days weeks—even months—ere I could return, and by that time—"

Tears stood in her eyes. "Yea, yea, I know."

"My Father," called a weak little voice from the bed in the corner.

"Yea, my son," and the Wise Man hastened to his side.

"Hast seen the star, Father?"

"Yea, my boy."

"And thou wilt follow it?"

"Dost thou want thy father to leave thee, Cyrus?"

"Nay, Father. But thou must go. Thou hast ever been the leader of the Wise Men, and the others will want thee. Moreover, hast thou forgotten? Thou hast to take the myrrh."

Verily, whether he went or stayed, it seemed as if the myrrh of suffering would be his portion to take.

"Thou must not think of me, Father," the little voice went on. "Thou must follow the star, and find the King, and take Him thy gift. And then come back to me again. Promise me thou wilt go, Father."

So with a heart well-nigh breaking, the father promised. Breaking, because he and his wife knew what the boy himself did not realize that this sickness was—it seemed—unto death. He was daily getting weaker, and it seemed that no power could hold the little life that was slowly ebbing away. And when, on the following day, the father kissed his boy "good-bye," he felt it to be a final farewell.

With a last tender kiss for his wife, and the precious myrrh in his possession, he joined the waiting cavalcade, and set forth with his friends to find the King.

Day after day, onward travelled the weary camels with their burdens, the Wise Men following—ever following—the star.

On it led them through Palestine. But what need to watch so carefully? To Jerusalem they go, of course. Where else should the King of the Jews be born? And so to the palace of Herod.

But Herod knew nothing of the birth of the King of the Jews. However, the news was disturbing, and must be looked into. The Scribes must search the Scriptures and see where it was foretold that the Child should be born. He must be found and killed. A happy thing that the Wise Men had come that way.

Bethlehem was the place foretold. And Herod told them to come to him again when they had found the King.

To Bethlehem they went. And lo! the star was leading to Bethlehem! The star had been leading thither all the time. But Medak had forgotten to watch. And who could wonder if the thoughts of the Wise Man had strayed back to the little home—back to his watching wife and suffering child?

But now they have reached Bethlehem. And behold the star stood over against the place where the young Child was! Here they alighted from their camels, and they entered with their gifts, and presented them unto Him. And as he knelt before

the beautiful, wondering-eyed Babe, with his offering of myrrh, the heart of the Wise Man was strangely cheered and comforted.

They were soon on their return journey. Back—back to their far-off homes. They had, however, been longer, than they expected. The unnecessary stay at Herod's palace had delayed them. Then, after seeing the Child, God had spoken to them in a dream, and told them to return another way. All this had taken much time. And, wonderful as it had all been, the heart of the Wise Man was sad when, once more, he beheld the familir landcape again. What would home be like without his child?

Nearer and nearer, and correspondingly sadder and sadder he grew, until at length he saw his home, and he saw—oh! it must be a dream!—little Cyrus looking out for him.

But it was no dream. It was his own child restored to health! And as, later, he gathered his wife and boy to him again, he heard how, soon after he had started on his journey, the boy commenced to mend, and he had been steadily gaining strength ever since. Glad, indeed, was the Wise Man that he had followed the star.

"And didst thou see the Baby King, Father?"

"Yea, my son, I saw Him."

"And thou didst give Him thy costly gift?"

"Yea, my boy. Thou wilt never know how costly was my gift. But in giving it to the King, it has been restored to me a hundred-fold."

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

It is with regret that we are compelled to increase the subscription price of this magazine from twenty-five to fifty cents per annum. After a trial period of two years we have found that the magazine is far from self-supporting, and some increase is necessary. Most church magazines published monthly have a subscription price of One Dollar, but in order that no one may be deprived, through lack of funds, of their Church paper, we have made a minimum increase, and feel confident of the continued support of our readers.

The January issue will contain the regular Subscription Envelope, and the magazine will be paid for through the regular local church channels. Each church vestry is again asked to pay for all the magazines sent to the parish, and to collect from their own parishioners.

We feel sure that the interest engendered by the circulation "THE EDMONTON CHURCHMAN" into every Anglican home in the parish repays many times over any financial outlay on the part of the parish.



Woman's Auxiliary



GREETINGS

The Diocesan President and the members of the Executive Committee extend Happy Christmas Greetings to Life Members, Presidents, Officers, and Members of all branches in the Diocese.

REQUEST

In order that the Diocesan W.A. books may be closed by the last week in December will all branches please try to send their pledge money, affiliation fees, and any other donations by December 13, to the Diocesan Treasurer. Address, Mrs. H. P. Reid, 10318 123 St., Edmonton.

BADGES

Silver badges may be purchased for 35 cents each from the Diocesan Treasurer and NOT from any other officer.

A LETTER FROM THE PRIMATE

(Copied from The Living Message, November, 1946.)

, 'Dear Members of the Diocesan Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada,

I have read the resolution adopted by the Dominion Board at its meeting in Winnipeg, in which it has been decided to change the title of 'The Woman's Auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Church of England in Canada' to 'The Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of England in Canada'. I should like to say that I thoroughly approve of this change. I believe it will be a strength to the work of the Woman's Auxiliary, and to the whole work of the Church in Canada. The change of name is, I believe, only putting into effect what in fact the Auxiliary has been to the church for many years.

I am, gratefully and thankfully, Your friend and Primate, DERWYN TORONTO.''

WELCOME TO NEW BRANCHES

Edson—Young Women's Evening Branch.

Heisler-Senior Branch.

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE MEMBERS

Mrs. M. Graham, formerly of Fort Saskatchewan; Miss C. F. Roberts, of Gibbons.

SOCIAL WORK

If social work in our society means helping the other person, then the following facts gleaned from the Afternoon Board meeting at Christ Church on Friday, November 22nd, are interesting:

- (1) Thirteen cartons of outfits for the girls at the Residential School at Wabasca were sent recently, more will follow.
- (2) Toys have been sent to Little Pines for the children's Christmas tree. Apples and candy and nuts are to follow.
- (3) Apples and candy and nuts will be sent to Frog Lake school too.
- (4) A collection of helpful booklets on meats, vegetables, cereals, fruits, issued by the Dominion Government was received here by the Convenor of the War Brides' Committee, who, in turn, sorted them and mailed them to the brides on her list.
- (3) Donations to St. John's Home and to Elizabeth House keep coming in to the treasurer, throughout the year and are forwarded to the two houses.
- (6) A fine bale of hospital supplies went to Hay River earlier in the year.
- (7) Since the previous board meeting (at St. Faith's) several branches have wound bandages and shipped them to Miss Sue Kelsey in Honan, in response to the recent urgent appeal for same.
- (8) Many gifts of needlework, threads, beads, pieces of felt and fur, have been taken to the Anglican patients at the Camsell Hospital.
- (9) A very fine piece of work has been done in organizing visiting committees for that hospital on Wednesday afternoon and Saturday evenings of each week. The visitors are drawn from Christ Church, both branches; St. Peter's, both branches; St. Mark's, and the Cathedral evening branch.
- (10) The W.A. Board has had the privilege of donating New Prayer and Hymn Books to Abraham Okpik and to Henry Kijiora at the hospital for the Confirmation Service on Thursday, November 28th.
- (11) Continued visiting to the other four city hospitals is carried on week by week to patients who come from outside the city.

WANTED

Miss Grace W. Gibberd of Honan, China, needs a Concertina for use in her missionary work. If any reader has one to donate to this cause, please let the Corresponding Secretary know (address, Mrs. A. Garton, upst. 12311 Jasper Ave., Edmonton).

FROM THE REPORT OF THE DOMINION DORCAS SEC.-TREAS.

"Many of us do not stop to think that if every bale were complete to the smallest article requistioned, much more is required to keep the Residential Schools habitable. Such things as dish towels, curtains, staff bedding, hand and bath towels, table linen for staff dining-rooms, an occasional mat for bedroom or bath room, sewing room supplies such as thread, needles, darning needles, tape, wool, scissors, thimbles, tape measures, and occasional yardage must be supplied."

Suppose every branch in the diocese were to donate—just one of these extras—what a help it would be! Think it over before sending your 1947 bales.

WOMEN IN SYNOD

"The first woman to be a certified delegate and take her place in the General Synod of the Church of England in Canada was Mrs. R. E. Wodehouse, the Dominion President of the Woman's Mrs. Wodehouse lives in Auxiliary. Ottawa and represents the Diocese of Yukon. Other women were present at Synod, as members of the various boards on which they give magnificent service year in and year out. It seems only right that they should have a share in planning the Church's work. Certainly the Woman's Auxiliary should be given a secure place in the Councils of the Church."

—From the "Church Messenger," November, 1946.

CONFUSION!

When parcels for the Social Service rooms are directed to the Synod office adress, confusion reigns! So why not make a note of the the following address?

(1) Social Service Parcels to Mrs. H. Douglas, c/o S.S. Rooms, 11717 93rd St.

(2) Dorcas Parcels for the outfits for children at Wabasca, for hospital supplies,

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Work Among Teen Age Girls

The following Policy governing the work of the Joint Committee on Work Amongst 'Teen-Age Girls in the Church of England in Canada, has been approved by the Executive Committee of the Dominion Board of the W.A. and the General Board of Religious Education:

- 1. The Joint Committee on Girls' Work shall be the official committee for the promotion of work amongst 'Teen-Age Girls in the Church of England in Canada, representing in this field the Dominion Board of the W.A. and G.B.R.E.
- 2. The Joint Committee shall consist of an equal number of members appointed by the Dominion Board of the W.A. and the General Board of Religious Education. The President, the Secretary of the Education Department and the Secretary of the Girls' Department of the W.A. and the Executive Secretaries of the General Board of Religious Education shall be members ex-officio.
- 3. The Joint Committee shall seek to promote the Church's work among girls in harmony with the policies of the Dominion Board of the W.A. and the G.B.R.E. with special reference to the Girls' Auxiliary. It shall, however, be prepared to supply information as far as possible, on other forms of organizations for girls, such as Girl Guides, where requested to do so by dioceses or parishes.
- 4. The Secretary of the Girls' Department of the W.A. shall be the Chairman of the Joint Committee and the Secretary-Treasurer shall be one of the representatives of the G.B.R.E.
- 5. The budget shall be subscribed equally by the two Boards, and shall be allocated by the Joint Committee.
- 6. The Joint Committee shall publish literature and secure material and other helps for work among girls, especially for the work of the Girls' Auxiliary. The Joint Committee shall promote Leadership Training Courses to secure an adequate supply of trained leaders for the Church's work among girls; these efforts to be in consultation as far as possible with the Teacher Training Committee of the G.B.R.E. in their promotion of similar courses.
- 7. The work of the Joint Committee shall be carried out by the Dominion Girls' Work Supervisor who shall work under the direction of the Joint Committee.
- 8. The Dominion Girls' Work Supervisor shall be appointed by the Joint Committee and her salary and expenses

shall be determined by the Joint Committee and be paid out of the Joint Budget.

- 9. The Dominion Girls' Work Supervisor shall work in co-operation with the Regional Girls' Supervisors when such shall be appointed; she shall give such general direction to the work as possible, and will advise the Regional Supervisors of the literature and programme material available; and, in co-operation with the Secretary of the Girls' Department of the Dominion Board, shall produce programmes for the Girls' Auxiliary.
- 10. In the promotion of its work in any Diocese, the Joint Committee shall work through the proper Diocesan authority, and through the recognized Diocesan channels, unless otherwise advised by the Bishop.
- 11. Except in matters of policy, which shall be referred to the Executive Committees of the G.B.R.E. and the Dominion Board of the W.A. for approval before they become operative, the Joint Committee shall have reasonable freedom in the promotion of its work.

Issued by the Joint Committee on Work Among 'Teen-Age Girls, representing the General Board of Religious Education and the Dominion Board of Woman's Auxiliary.

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and for Little Pines and Frog Lake to Mrs. H. J. Wilson, c/o Synod Office, 10029 103rd St.

As was stated in the last issue of this Churchman, it takes good W.A. money to pay the transfer from one address to the other. Will every branch please take careful note of the above?

CANDIDATES AT THE ANGLICAN WOMEN'S TRAINING COLLEGE

A recent letter from Miss M. Watts, Principal of this College, says that Edmonton should be proud to have such two fine Christian young women in training, as Miss Eva Scott (of the Cathedral Young Women's branch) and Miss Margaret Cording, of Blue Ridge. (Margaret will be remembered as at our first summer schools when the Reverend Canon A deV. Hunt was missionary priest at Mayerthorpe, Blue Ridge, etc.)

EDUCATIONAL

The slides on this year's study, "India at the Threshold" are available until the first of the new year.

Other Pamphlets for Study Helps

Shall we study the Living Message? The Keystone of the Arch.

Suggestions for the Sanctuary Guild. Service of Admission to Membership in the W.A.

Service of Admission to Life Membership.

Life Membership Pamphlet.

Active Service for the King of Kiings. Why? Come and See.

A.W.T.C. CLUBS

Since Miss Elsie McGee's visit, the Anglican Women's Training College Club is taking shape. Any person or branch may become a member on payment of \$2.00 (minimum) on or about St. Andrew's Day. Receipts for that or larger amounts will be issued by the Diocesan Treasurer.

Already several have sent in the necessary donations for membership. These will be held by the treasurer until members outside the city have an opportunity to read this and make their decision. The collected monies will be sent to the College by the end of the year as a yearly gift for mainznance.

REMINDER

Pledges and affiiliation from all branches are due now. Women's branches and young Women's branches send to Mrs. H. P. Reid, 10318 121st St.

Junior Auxiliary to Mrs. R. C. Craigie, 11508 86th St.

Girls' Auxiliary to Mrs. E. deLarque, 10927 83rd Ave.

Mite Box contents of Little Helpers to Mrs. W. D. Neely, 10223 130th St.

It is desired that ever member who has been attending branch meetings this year be affiliated in order that a complete membership record may be shown for 1946.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BY POST

A Message from the Secretary, Miss LILIAN CAMP, Seba Beach, Alberta. On my travels I often have it said to me,

"We look to see something from you in The Churchman magazine and are often disappointed." Well here I am to give you a little news of the work of the S.S.B.P.

During the summer I covered 3,525 miles, visiting 216 families and enrolling 147 new members. Many kind friends gave me hospitality, and it is always a comfort to know I am welcomed and have a little home to stay in while in the various districts.

It was with great pleasure I went to Irwinville to present Malcolm Kent with a Dominion Prize, awarded by the G.B.R.E. on the Sunday School by Post examinations. His brother, Jim, Joan Milson of Winfield, David Cording of Blue Ridge and Vernon Dixon of Peavine, all obtained high marks and received Diocesan prizes, while five were awarded Diplomas and nineteen received certificates.

As one of our priests said, "It has something to do with the 'Mums' and 'Dads' when they receive these prizes, because the home influence and encouragement from the parents mean a great deal." Religion must begin in the home, and we would like to see more parents taking the interest to see that their young people study their lessons regularly and send their answers in.

I would like to mention here that a number of papers answered get sent in to me without a name or address, which means I cannot return them to the

I was able to visit a number of English war brides and give a welcome and enroll their children in the S.S.B.P. Many were so pleased to find they could have religious instruction in this way, not being near a church or Sunday School.

One pupil, a boy of eleven, said, "I would like to be confirmed, I have plenty of time in the holidays to study." How grand if many more would say the same, having the desire to receive the Holy Spirit, through the laying on of hands by the Bishop, to be made strong and brave to serve Christ.

"Lord, what wilt Thou have me to do?"

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Council Activities

The monthly council meeting was held on October 25th at St. Stephen's Church. A talk was given by Mary McGee on behalf of the "Interdenom." Then, after a careful discussion, it was decided that we should become part of the Edmonton Interdenom.

Mrs. Greenwood gave a report on the progress of the play, to be presented on December 5th and 6th, in All Saints' Parish Hall. The title of the play is "Green Stockings."

A letter was received from the Wetaskiwin A.Y. inviting the Edmonton Council down on November 16th and 17th. Arrangements have been made and we plan to leave Edmonton about 7 p.m. Saturday and spend Saturday evening and all day Sunday in Wetaskiwin. We have visited the Wetaskiwin branch before, so we expect to have a really good time.

Our visit to Ponoka on October 27th was a great success. We left Edmonton at 8.30 a.m., spent the day in Ponoka, and left for home about 10 p.m. We wish to express our sincere thanks to the Ponoka A.Y. and we wish them the best of luck.

Branch Activities Christ Church

The members are helping our branch funds by selling boxes of very attractive Christmas cards.

On the second Sunday of each month a corporate communion is held, after which breakfast is served in the hall. On the fourth Sunday we have a fireside or "get-together" and we can guarantee singing, games, refreshments and lots of fun. Regular meetings are held every Thursday at 8.15 in the parish hall, and new members are cordially invited.

St. Luke's

October was quite a busy month for our A.Y.P.A. Our Whist Drive proved a great success and we were glad to see members from other branches of the A.Y.P.A. there.

At our club service, members were admitted into the A.Y. It was a very beautiful service and a very impressive one. November 3rd saw another lovely service when a Candle Lighting was held and our club officers were installed.

Basketball and relays formed a main feature of our fellowship evening.

Another Whist Drive is planned for Tuesday, November 19th. We hope it will be as successful as our last one.

St. Faith's

With the election of officers completed the A.Y. got into full swing in October. On October 22nd we were entertained by Mr. Mason, who gave a talk on India. Members of both branches of our own A.Y. were present, and also members from St. Peter's.

A schedule was drawn up covering activities up to the end of December. Plans were made to start a bowling team at the new Avenue Bowling Alley. Plans are also being made for our Christmas party, to be held on December 17th.

THE CHAPEL

Here is a quiet room, Pause for a little space And in the deepening gloom With hands before thy face Pray for God's Grace.

Let no unholy thought
Enter thy musing mind—
Things that the world hath wrought
Unclean—untrue—unkind
Leave these behind.

Pray for the strength of God Strength to obey His plan; Rise from your knees less clod Than when your prayer began— More of a man.

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News from Bishop White in Honan, China



The Rt. Rev. W. C. White, D.D., who recently returned to China to administer the Diocese of Honan in the absence of Bishop Lindel Tsen, on sick leave, has been appointed personal representative for North China of Dr. T. F. Tsiang, Director-General of C.N.R.R.A., with his office in the compound of St. Paul's Hospital, Kweiteh. The Chinese National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration is the Chinese Government counterpart of U.N.-R.R.A. The Rev. Francis Tseng who has spent a number of years in Toronto doing post-graduate work, and who has just returned to China, is to be his secretary.

Bishop White reports that crops in Honan Province (where famine has been so severe) are very good, but that fuel and shelter are very insufficient. Prices are so high that it is difficult to know how the people manage to live—they are suffering terribly.

A list prepared last April of house furnishings necessary for a married couple to set up housekeeping, and which left out many of the real necessities, showed a cost in Chinese National dollars of \$12,172,600 or \$6,086.00 in American funds for the cheaper grade of furniture. Since then prices have soared again. In July meals at the Y.M.C.A. restaurant in Shanghai were considered reasonable at \$3,000 for breakfast, \$4,000 for lunch and \$4,500 for dinner. Exchange: \$2,000 to 2,600 to one American dollar. Coal in September at the same place was being sold at the equivalent of \$150.00 a ton.

St. Paul's Hospital, Kweiteh, which has been working in Honan Province for twenty-five years, serves a population of about nine million people. Its capacity is about 100 beds, but should be three times that size to care for the number of people twho come to it.

Our Aim For St. Paul's

Bishop White who is now in Honan sends word that our aim for St. Paul's must be "two Canadian male doctors and one woman doctor, at least—not to mention the Chinese doctors, for this hospital serves an area with a population of at least nine million people. Also needed are a jeep, an ambulance, and a light truck for village ambulance and dispensary work."

Chinese Leadership

In an effort to provide Chinese leadership in the Church ten young men and ten young women of sturdy Christian character, between the ages of 18 and 22, are being sought in the parishes. When found they will be given a three months' period of study and testing. Those who prove suitable will be brought in to Kaifeng for further training. Indigenous leadership is a primary need to replace the clergy who died or retired during the war years.

They Can Live Together

A recent letter from Miss O. M. Balderston of the Boys' School, Palampur, contains the following interesting information:

"I wonder how much was published in your newspapers at the time of the Calcutta riots about how the different communities stood by each other and protected each other. In one house some Christians were told that they would not be harmed if they gave up the Hindus they were sheltering. They refused to do this. In another quarter some purdah Mohammedan women were sheltering some Hindu women. Some Mohammedans threatened them and tried to make them give up the

Hindu women. These women threw back their veils and said, 'Come on, you can kill us but we will never give up our Hindu sisters to you.' The men were so taken aback they went away. One Mohammedan man wrote in a letter to the Calcutta STATESMAN, 'My house was threatened, but my Hindu friends kept the mob in check. Towards evening, however, the educated Hindus of the locality were losing control. Mine is a family of thirtyfive, mostly women and children and it was impossible to remove them so we took shelter in the house of a Hindu neighbour. The rowdy element got scent of it and threatening my friend, 'Turn them out, you cannot save them,' was their demand. 'I know I cannot save them but I can die before they are touched,' was the firm reply. Later the educated section resumed control and they were safe again.' He ended his letter, 'I am convinced that we Muslims and Hindus can live together peacefully unless a clash is engineered.' There was little doubt that a small clash was engineered and the hooligan element probably urged on by the communists, turned it into the 'great Calcutta killing.' Communism is a real danger in India and all other materialistic ideas. 'It's not a question of what race shall rule, but of what ideas shall rule'.'

These may be isolated incidents it is true, but it is encouraging to know that such friendship exists even in some communities.

The Gifts

In a rude stable cold, The friendly beasts their stories told: "I" said the donkey, shaggy and brown, "Carried His mother up hill and down, Carried her safely to Bethlehem town." "I," said the cow all white and red, "Gave Him my manger for His bed, Gave Him my hay to pillow His head." "I," said the sheep, with the curly horn, "Gave Him wool for His blanket warm; He wore my coat on Christmas Morn." "I," said the camel, all yellow and black, "Over the desert, upon my back, Brought Him a gift in the Wise Man's pack." "I," said the dove, "from my rafter high, Cooed Him to sleep, my mate and I.' And every beast, by some good spell In the stable darkness, was able to tell Of the gift he gave to Emmanuel.

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-ROBERT DAVIS.

The Mother Who Remade the World

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By Antoinette Dreier Stearly

WHO was Mary—that the world should bow to her this Christmas time?

She was just a young girl, engaged to be married.

There were plenty such in her day.

There are plenty such today.

Why should the world bow to her this Christmas time?

The world was in a turmoil.

Roman legions were subduing the earth.

Her own land was occupied, enslaved.

What could a young girl do, that the world still bows to her?

Many were seeking glory.

Many were fighting for freedom.

Many were very busy doing right.

Why should we look to Mary on this night?

Mary might have had her own plan.

Most of us do—especially when we are engaged.

Mary might have been too proud, too busy, too afraid

To hear the Angel's call, to hear God's plan.

But Mary listened.

Her humility and faith opened the way for God to come to earth.

He might have come a different way—on clouds of glory— Striking the wicked, and dictating peace. But that would not have changed the hearts of men— The way they live at home, do business, lead their nations in the world.

He Who had power to do all, chose to depend on mankind's free assent; Came as a Babe when Mary gave consent; Leaned on a home for training, care and health; Practised a trade to earn the family's bread. And doing these things, lifted lfe's details to new significance.

Yes, Mary humbly listened and said, "Yes." That is the secret of her blessedness.

She asked no glory for herself—she simply gave; And giving self, gave Christmas to the world.

The world is in a turmoil.

Armies rule, Bitterness, hatred spread.

And children suffer, not alone from bombs, but broken, loveless homes.

Crime flaunts its head.

Class hate, industrial strife, poison a nation's heart.

"What of the peace?" men say.

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Could Mary have the answer for today?

She might have been a selfish, baffled parent. She chose to be a humble, listening girl. And now all generations call her blessed.

She might have been too busy seeking greatness. But instead, "He Who is Might" did great things.

Could the world, in bowing once again this Christmas, Humbly listen to the King of Kings!

--(NEW WORLD NEWS)

Sunday School Attendance Shows Remarkable Recovery

In the midst of the depression years Sunday School attendance began to decline across Canada. From 1931 to 1941 enrolments slumped from 908,724 to 764,618 in the Sunday Schools of the Anglican, Baptist, Church of Christ, Evangelical, Presbyterian and United Churches. The lowest figure was in 1941 when war conditions had led to enormous dislocations of populations, to employment of mothers and fathers alike in seven-day-a-week war plants, and to the relaxation of parental discipline due to long-term absences of thousands of fathers with military units. It should also be observed that during the depression years the Canadian birthrate reached a new low, so that Sunday Schools were not receiving a normal number of recruits in the Nursery and Beginner Departments. To this should be added the reminder that both the depression, with its drifting unemployed population, and the war with its mobile population seriously affected the number and enrolment of both adult and young people's Bible classes, a fact which would be reflected in Sunday School attendances reported.

While the facts set out in the foregoing paragraph explain Sunday School losses in terms which do not reflect adversely upon the appeal of the schools themselves, they are not to be taken as minimizing the necessity for more aggressive and forward-looking effort on the part of our churches to increase the attractiveness and fruitfulness of the Sunday School program and administration. There are many reasons for believing that the Churches of Canada are giving serious and increasingly effective attention to the vital matter of Christian education. At the present time there is an unprecedented interest in the training of Sunday School teachers and recordbreaking expenditures in improved equipment for Sunday Schools generally. Added to these somewhat external factors is the deepened interest of parents in the spiritual needs of their children and their eagerness to attend to these needs diligently.

Recent trends in Sunday School attendance are most heartening. The communions represented in the Religious Education Council of Canada report an increase in Sunday school enrolments from 764,618 in 1941 to 926,139 in 1945. This represents an increase of 21% as over against the decrease of 16% between 1931 and 1941. It will be noted that the

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By Rev. T C. B. Boon, B.A.

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By the time Bishop Pinkham became Bishop of Saskatchewan in 1887, that Diocese had already developed a "triangular problem" of its own, one which did not grow any less acute as the years passed on, nor was finally settled until the Diocese of Saskatoon was formed in 1931. The focal points of this problem were in the districts of Prince Albert, Edmonton and Calgary. To the north of Prince Albert lay the great Indian mission field of Northern Saskatchewan, and in Prince Albert, itself, was Emmanuel College of which Bishop McLean had hoped so much. To the west was Edmonton, where work was commenced in 1875. In the southern part of the present Province of Alberta there was an urgent call for work amongst an entirely different type of Indian to the Northern Crees, also among a different type of White Settler. The new Bishop had to make up his mind quickly as to which was the most pressing and important.

Archdeacon Pinkham had been nominated as Bishop by Bishop Machray, but his appointment was made by the Archbishop of Canterbury as the Province of Rupert's Land did not cease to recognize the Primate of All England as its Metropolitan until 1890. But even before his Consecration, the Bishop-designate exhibited his energy by making a tour of as much of the Diocese as he could reach in order to meet the Clergy and become personally acquainted with conditions. Whether the subsequent event was a consequence of this, it is hard to say, but on August 12, 1887, the Provincial Synod of Rupert's Land formally agreed to constitute the Civil Territory of Aberta as the Diocese of Calgary, subject to the consent of the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of Saskathewan, and in the motion, the wording of which is rather involved, made it clear that Bishop Pinkham was to be Bishop of both Dioceses until a sufficient endowment could be provided for the new one. and that then he was to have the choice of which Diocese he would remain Bishop. As Bishop of Saskatchewan, Bishop Pinkham gave his formal consent

under his Seal on February 25, 1888, and on March 27th, Archbishop Benson appointed him Bishop of Calgary.

In the summer of 1888, the new Bishop had to make another choice, this time whether he would attend the Lambeth Conference and address meetings of the great Missionary Societies in England, or make a visitation of the Diocese of Saskatchewan, which could only be done in the summer. He determined that his duty lay in England, and while there, he succeeded in raising \$6,000 for his work in Canada, which was apportioned amongst funds for the See House, Calgary Schools, the Mission Funds of both Dioceses and the Saskatchewan Clergy Endowment Fund. Greatly to his regret, after he returned he found it necessary to abandon the work of Emmanuel College in Prince Albert, which had already been considerably affected by the unhappy results of the Riel Rebellion in 1885; the College was not re-opened until 1906.

In Southern Alberta, Indian work was proceeding amongst the Black Feet, Bloods, Sarcees and Piegans, and amongst early Missionaries were the Reverend George McKay, Reverend Robert Inkster, Reverend S. Trivett and Mr. J. W. Tims who came out from England and began the work amongst the Black Feet on the reserve near Gleichen. Mr. Tims, much better known as Archdeacon Tims, gave more than sixty years of service to the Church in Southern Alberta, and made such an outstanding contribution to the development of the Church in the Diocese of Calgary that one cannot do justice to him in a brief note. He has left interesting reminiscences of those early days, particularly of his adventures amongst the Black Feet, and there are one or two which might be recorded here. He was a member of the last Synod of the Diocese of Saskatchewan held by Bishop McLean, and relates that in order to get to Prince Albert he went by train from Gleichen to Qu'Appelle and then 260 miles by stage, which took him a week. Owing to "hold-ups" in the previous week, the stage was protected by a R.N.W.M.P. Patrol through the

Touchwood Hills and over the Salt Plain to the north, and in passing through Batoche they saw clear evidence of the Mr. Tims preached the Rebellion. Ordination Sermon in Prince Albert when the Reverend R. Hilton was made Deacon and the Reverend J. R. Settee (son of the well-known Reverend James Settee, pioneer Indian Clergyman) was Priested. There were, at that synod 22 Clergy, of whom 15 were engaged in Indian work, and the other 7 amongst the White Settlers. It is interesting to note that the C.M.S. was supporting 11 of these missionaries, the S.P.G. 7, the C. and C.C.S. 1, a private individual 1, and the Government the one who was in charge of the Battleford Industrial School, this latter institution being an early attempt to introduce Indian youth to a settled life. Mr. Tims returned south with the Reverend E. K. Matheson, who was on his way to organize St. Augustin's, Lethbridge, which was to become (in 1891) the second self-supporting Parish in the Diocese of Calgary.

Mr. Tims had left on record his memories of the foundation of the Church in Calgary itself. He says that in October, 1883, seven Churchmen met in King's General Store in East Calgary and drew up a letter to him asking for occasional Services there. He agreed to come over from Gleichen once every two weeks, and held the first regular Service in the Orderly Room of the old R.N.W.M.P. Barracks, at which the members of the force were present under Captain, afterwards General Steele. On Easter Day, 1884, after a wellattended Service, arrangements were made to organize a Parish and erect a Church. This was the Church of the Redeemer, only a few years later to become the Pro-Cathedral of the new This Parish became self-Diocese. supporting in the fall of 1887, evidence of the interest in those days, an enthusiasm and leadership which has been maintained for more than forty years.

The First Synod of the Diocese of Calgary was held on February 21, 1889. Bishop Machray preached the Opening Sermon, and, drawing from his own experience, urged the members to be content with the "day of small things" and not to be too optimistic about the future of their part of the country, but content to develop along sound lines. There were 11 Clergy and 9 Lay Delegates present, two of whom were

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I Believe in the Holy Catholic Church



By The Rev. F. A. Peake, L.Th., M.R.S.L. XI—The Church in Norman Times

Reorganization

It has been said that when the Normans conquered England they did not compell its inhabitants to become Normans but rather that they themselves became Englishmen. William the Conqueror was crowned in Westminster Abbey on Christmas Day, 1066, claiming to be the lawful successor of Edward the Confessor. He hoped that by administering English law he would commend himself to his new subjects but this did not prevent his discriminating between the Normans and the English by ordering that none of his Norman friends should be punished without his permission.

As soon as William felt himself to be secure he undertook the reform of the Church. Many of those who were bishops at the time of the conquest were not equal to their tasks, and were slowly replaced by Norman bishops until in 1070 only two sees were retained by English bishops, those of Worcester and Rochester.

Concerning Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, there is an interesting legend. It is said that when Wulfsten was brought up before the King and council in Westminster Abbey he refused to give up his staff of office to Lanfranc, the Archbishop of Canterbury, saying that he would only return it to him from whom he had received it-King Edward. He then advanced to the late King's tomb and appealed to witness that he had only accepted the office of bishop at the urgent request of the king, and clergy, and people, and that now a new king, a new primate, and a new law had arisen charging him with presumption in having accepted the office. He declared that he would resign his staff, not to them, but only to him who had given it. Thereupon he struck the tomb with the staff, saying, "Take it, my lord king, and give it to whomsoever it shall please thee." The marble hands of the king's effigy opened to receive it and neither the king nor Archbishop Lanfranc was able to wrench it from their grasp. The meaning of the miracle was obvious-William and the archbishop craved the pardon of Wulstan who was confirmed in the possession of his see. Such is the legend. The fact was that the bishop retained his see, assisted the Norman bishops in their work, and also was instrumental in suppressing the slave trade which had grown up in Bristol.

As well as improving the quality of the episcopate William made other moves to reform and to stimulate Church life. During his reign many new churches were built and a distinctive style of architecture evolved. Where bishops' sees were in small villages they were removed to more important centres. A further reform was the re-establishment of synods and church courts allowing the Church an effective voice in matters of Church and State. Clerical celibacy, which was becoming fashionable on the continent, was not strictly enforced by William. He remained content with the injunction that clergy ordained from thenceforth should remain single.

After the Norman Conquest the power of the Roman See in England was seen to increase. This was to be expected since in some measure William owed his throne to the support he had received from the Bishop of Rome. On the other hand, however, he had no intention of allowing his domain to be dominated by any foreign power, sacred or secular, and when Gregory VII /(Hildebrande) demanded homage from him he curtly refused it. No previous English King had done homage to the pope, and William did not intend to begin the custom.

Lanfranc, 34th Archbishop of Canterbury

The outstanding spiritual leader of early Norman days was Lanfranc. He was born about 1005 and by the middle of the century had attained wide renown as a teacher and lawyer. Accounts of his conversion vary but it seems to date from the occasion of his escape from some robbers who had kidnapped him while travelling. He was then admitted to the monastery at Bec of which through his learning and piety he later became prior. An amusing tale is told of his first meeting with William, then Duke of Normandy. Lanfranc had aroused the Duke's ire by denouncing his marriage to Matilda as being within the prohibited degrees. The Duke then ordered him out of Normandy. Lanfranc was on his way, riding a lame horse, when he met William. "Where are you going?" said the Duke. "I am going

out of Normandy as fast as I can," said the monk, "and if you will be so good as to give me a better horse I will obey your command even more quickly!" William was pleased with the retort and restored Lanfranc to his office. Later, when he became King of England he remembered the Prior of Bec and secured his appointment as Archbishop of Canterbury. The reorganization of the Church was the joint work of William and Lanfranc.

William was succeeded in 1027 by his son, William Rufus, a thoroughly bad character of whom it is impossible to say a good word. While the old Archbishop lived his vices were held in check but with his death in 1089 William Rufus threw his last pretence at virtue to the winds.

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later destined to take Holy Orders and assume great responsibilities in the Diocese of Edmonton: they were Henry Allen Grey, then working as a Lay Reader amongst the Sarcees (First Bishop of the Diocese of Edmonton) and (Archdeacon) F. C. Cornish. Amongst the Clergy was Dr. Newton, Incumbent of All Saints', Edmonton, a Parish then being maintained by the S.P.G.

The roots of Edmonton, however, go back much further than 1889, but the memory of William Cyprian Pinkham, under whose fatherly direction the work was carried on for more than twenty-five years, before the Edmonton area became an independent Diocese, is still fragrant to those who remember him.

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N.B.—Acknowledgment must be made of the kindness of the Bishop of Calgary in putting Archdeacon Tim's Reminiescences at the disposal of the writer, and to the Librarian of the Calgary Albertan for also making interesting and valuable material available:

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The Quints of India

By DR. C. V. JACKSON of the Kangra Mission



Do you remember how Canada thrilled to the news and flashed it to the four corners of the earth, when on an early morning in 1934, the Dionne quintuplets were born? Five baby girls were in need, and offers of help were more than adequate. There was no difficulty in securing a separate nurse for each. Milk, clothing, gifts of every description poured into the little town by aeroplane. Today these young girls are the trophies of Christian tradition and of the unstinted care of the medical and nursing professions.

Did you ever hear of the quintupletsfive Brahmin boys of northern India? No, I'm sure you haven't. There was no thrill or glamour there, but only a story of ignorance, superstition and heartbreak. In a small Mission Hospital, a young Indian Christian doctor, a graduate of Ludhiana Women's Christian College, was working alone. About noon, one day after a busy morning's work, a cart arrived, bringing a woman who was in great distress. Indian custom forbids contact to all, except low caste at such a time, but all know that at a Christian hospital no one is refused admission. The young doctor took her in and diagnosed twins. The patient's condition was serious, but as no help was at hand, she knew she must tackle it alone. One baby arrived and then another, but the mother was still in great distress. Was there still another baby? Yes, there was a third and a fourth and a The doctor worked frantically, wrapping each mite in a blanket, while she used all her skill and energy to save the exhausted mother. Then she turned to the "boys," five healthy Brahmins, who were soon crying lustily, but who was to care for them? Their mother was too ill and no other woman was available. The doctor sent frantic messages to the Civil Surgeon, and the hospital sweeper to surrounding villages, calling for help, but no one came. You ask, "are Indian women heartless?" No-by no means, it is all the result of centuries of false beliefs, whereby an Indian mother and babe are considered "unclean" for forty days after birth, and so compared with the consequences of being defiled, the saving of five little boys was not considered. Again, twins are usually thought to be unlucky and as for quintuplets, many are convinced that they must be the work of evil spirits. The news soon spread to surrounding villages,

and though many came to see, no one came to help. Government officials offered to pay if assistance could be porcured, but alas, before help finally arrived all five babies were dead.

What a contrast! Can such ignorance and superstition be overcome? Yes, by Christain teaching. Christ's Command was: "Go and teach all nations." Is it nothing to you? Jesus is depending on us. The souls of too many men, women and children depend upon us, for us to think of turning back until we have accomplished our mission. We have been briefed for this, "Ye shall be witnesses unto Me to India, China, Japan, unto the uttermost part of the earth."

HOLY NIGHT IN CHICAGO

Browsing through an old scrap book, given me by a printer, I ran across this interesting descriptive clipping, anony mous—

"If Christ had been born in Chicago there would have been a garage instead of a manger. Instead of angels there would have been fire-sirens, police whistles and policemen hastening to and fro instead of shepherds. There would have been no Christmas star, only the array of blinding street lamps; or perhaps the Child would have been born in a parked Ford coupe along the road.

"There might have been a brief story in one of our daily newspapers: 'BABY BORN IN GARAGE,' Or CHILD FOUND IN FORD COUPE.' Hotels overcrowded on account of the Tunney-Dempsey fight."

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enrolment for 1945 was almost 20,000 in excess of that reported for 1931. Men have returned from overseas and families have returned by their thousands to the communities where they were known before the war. The higher birth-rate incident to increased prosperity has resulted in sharp increases in Nursery and Beginner attendances. Bible classes disrupted by abnormal war conditions have in many instances been re-organized. Added to these explanations of the ursurge is the fact that Churches are taking a keener interest than for some years in the welfare of their Sunday Schools, while Sunday School teachers are more eager than at any time in the past to seize every opportunity for some training for their work. On every hand one is conscious of the earnest desire of the Churches to have boys and girls brought to a knowledge of the Word of God and to an acceptance of the Saviourhood of Christ. In this deep-lying and evangelical concern lies probably the best explanation of the encouraging rise in the Sunday School attendance index. It is to be prayerfully hoped that the increases reported will be not only maintained but accelerated as the Church applies itself without wearying to the basic task of Christian Education.

Here is one area of the Church's life where the Anglican Advance should function in the next two years. Can there be a wide strengthening of interest in every diocese in our Sunday Schools, our Junior congregations and all our week-day work among our boys and girls?

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LEAN-TO

By Rev. David L. Greene, Emerson, Man.

His original homestead had served ten years when Nate Sloan decided he would have to enlarge his dwelling to accommodate his growing family. So he built a lean-to along the East side of his house. This new annex was an architectural after-thought. But it solved Nate's housing problem. In time people grew accustomed to the one-storeyed, shantyroofed addition and ceased to regard it as a monstrosity. Furthermore, Nate observed that it gave sturdiness to his house. The old house did not shudder in violent wind storms as it had done. The lean-to and the main structure were mutually supporting.

In the architecture of life there are many things which people regard as main structure and other things as lean-to. We have our principal occupations and our side-lines; our duties and our hobbies; our work and our leisure time activities. They are mutually supporting, each being necessary. The one strengthens the other. Sometimes they change places. The nonessential becomes the essential; the leanto becomes the main structure. believers in the "Three R'S" as the sum total of education, temperamental pursuits are mere frills-after-thoughts. Yet many a pupil benefitting from the smattering of art and music taught in elementary schools has developed into an artist or a

Time was when men learned to read and write in order to study the Scriptures, that they might learn the will of God as revealed in Holy Writ and pass on this knowledge to others; when religion was the main structure of life; when Theology was indeed the Queen of Sciences, and what is commonly called secular knowledge was a lean-to.

But with the rapid spread of learning and the passing of education from Church to State direction, main structure and lean-to have changed places. Religion in relation to education is the lean-to—an after-thought. The task to which the Christian Church is addressing herself today is to remedy or at least counteract this situation. For religion and secular knowledge must really be mutually supporting if the highest good in life is to be attained. Hence the present campaign for more religious teaching in our schools; the increasing emphasis on training Christian youth leaders and

the appointment of youthful Chaplains in our universities.

Looking at people who have passed school and college age it is apparent that many in this large group regard religion as a lean-to in their general scheme of They plan and build for material security. For them, religion is an architectural after-thought. The need for a modicum of spiritual spice is forced upon them by certain exigencies of life. There come times of stress; times of enhanced responsibilities; times of grim realities when the soul yearns for something more potent and satisfying material security affords. In those circumstances the lean-to of religion proves comfortable and indispensable.

But for those to whom religion is a vital thing this lean-to becomes an integral part of the main structure. If it is removed the whole fabric of life suffers. Russian and German Christians recently learned to their great sorrow that life without religion is intolerable. They kept alive the spiritual spark against the day when they felt sure they would once more enjoy freedom of religion. Their experience should serve as a warning to people in our land who call themselves Christians but who live as pagans, passing by the Church and its worship as if religious observances were mere incidents that can be ignored at will. The late President Roosevelt challenged this attitude in one of his radio speeches: "Of what use is religious freedom to a people that has lost its God?"

Following upon Nate Sloan's death is son Harry took over the farm. He and, this wife found the old house too large The trend was toward smaller dwellings. So Harry tore down the lean-to. In the first wind storm that followed its removal the main part of the house acquired a slant simulating the leaning tower of Pisa.

Upon investigation Harry discovered that the sills along the East side had crumbled with dry rot. Robbed of the support afforded by the lean-to the house threatened to collapse. So Harry hastened to reinforce his foundations. Each succeeding generation seems to produce its quota of inconoclasts who either thoughtlessly or ruthlessly proceed to throw away the props that have supported their forbears.

Customs and institutions that have ministered to the comfort and well-being of a passing generation come to be regarded as mere lean-to's, architectural afterthoughts to the structure of life which have no real current value. Accordingly they are consigned to the limbo of outmoded things.

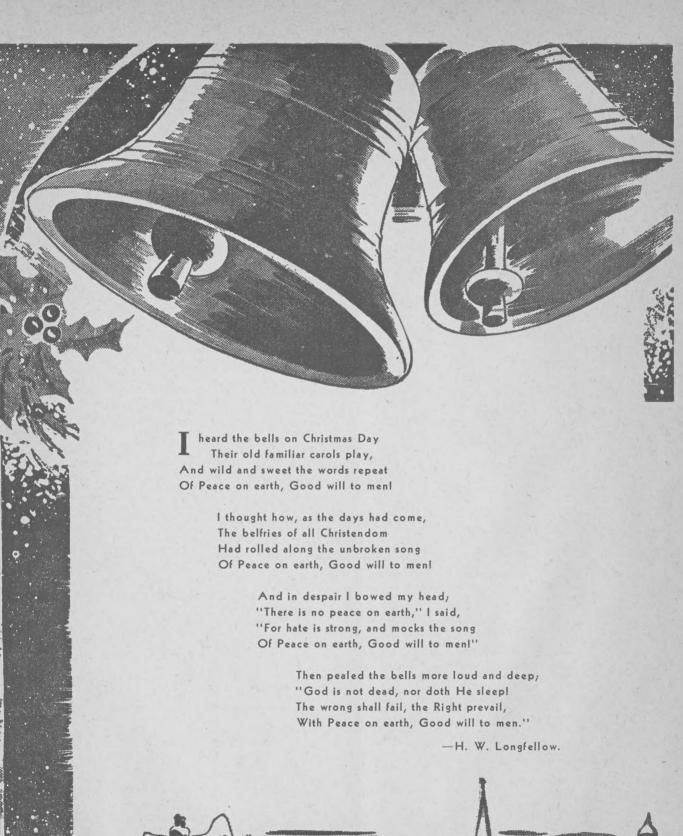
So we have killing indifference to Church attendance, neglect of Bible study, prayer, and Sacraments, calculated disregard for the sanctity of the Lord's Day. At the time we have increasing juvenile deliquency, major crime, moral obliquity, broken homes and unprecedented numbers of divorces. This. latter condition is not a mere coincidence: it is the law of cause and effect at work. Society is reaping an inevitable harvest. It is the goal of the course taken by people who regard religion and all its works as just a lean-to that does not become or ceases to be an integral part life's structure.

When Harry Sloan discovered that the sills under his house were rotten he set to work to renew his foundations and thus salvage his home. A similar course of action is indicated for Christian Church people in this age which seems bent upon demolishing the faith which has heretofore kept the house of our Christian citizenship standing erect. It is not too late to press the claims of Christ and to salvage our citizenship. But if we are going to succeed in this crusade we must lift religion from the inferior position of a mere lean-to, useful only in emergencies and exalt it to its rightful place as the main motive in life to which all other interests are secondary.

In prosecuting the spiritual phase of our Anglican Advance Appeal we shall find our individual and corporate opportunity to engage in this thrilling enterprise. We are to replace mouldering sills and rear a sound superstructure. But first of all let us check on our personal attitude toward religion. Is it a vital thing with us or just a handy lean-to for use as a refuge when we are hard pressed by life's problems?

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The Choir reunion on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, was again a very happy occasion and we were glad to welcome once again a number of old choir members. It was a pleasure to hear Mr. Vernon Barford's advice to us all to look forward, to see what we can accomplish in the years to come, rather than spend our time looking back on the years that are past. We are, however, very happy to be able to congratulate Mr. Barford on the completion of nearly 47 years as organist and choirmaster of All Saints' Cathedral.

The highlight of the month was the Mission conducted by the Reverend R. F. Palmer, S.S.J.E. Though this was a Mission for the whole City of Edmonton we were particularly blessed to have the centre of the Mission at All Saints', and a good proportion of the congregation took advantage of it.

The Mission opened at the annual Children's Rally Service on October 26th, and the church was crowded to the doors. Father Palmer made a great impression on the children, and an average of some sixty or seventy turned up at the church every day throughout the rest of the week. It was a revelation to study the excellent method of teaching used by the missioner, and both children and adults learned a great deal from it.

The Communion Services each morning were well supported but the attendance on some of the evenings should have been better than it was. However, all who came were really rewarded, and we owe Father Palmer a very great debt for having brought us closer to the heart of Jesus Christ.

We congratulate the Reverend H. G. Grant, who will be ordained to the priesthood on Sunday morning, November 24th. Mr. Brant is leaving the Cathedral for the months of December and January to work in the Parish of Wainwright, awaiting the arrival of the new rector.

In the Anglican Advance Appeal \$8,068 has so far been contributed in cash. We do hope that all who have pledged through the parish of All Saints', and who later move to another parish, will fulfill their promises to All Saints' and not pay the balance of their pledge to the new parish to which they move. We are not accepting money which was pledged originally to another parish, and instead to forward any subscriptions we may receive to the rector of the parish concerned.

THE CATHEDRAL BUILDING FUND

We are looking forward to the spring of 1948, as we hope then to begin building our new cathedral.

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HOLY TRINITY

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The annual Bazaar sponsored by the W.A. and the Choir and Chancel Guild proved another great success. There was a fine assortment of beautiful fancy-work baby-wear, aprons and artificial flowers, etc., which found a ready sale. The girls and Junior W.A. also had their stalls, and did very well. Our thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make this event so worthwhile, and all who attended.

Now we are looking forward to the second Bazaar on December 6th, when the Young Women's Fellowship and the A.Y.P.A. will be in charge. This bazaar will be held in the evening. The Y.W.F. will be catering at a Masonic banquet in the church hall on the previous Saturday, so they are in for a very busy time.

Th Parish Guild annual Membership Tea is to be held at the home of Mrs. G. G. Reynolds, on November 20th, when all members of the congregation will be welcome.

The Men's Club annual dinner was an outstanding event, and the Parish Guild excelled themselves in preparing the chicken dinner. Our thanks to all who made this possible, and also to the artists. Phil McComb, Alex. White, Ken Mansfield, Ralph Browne and Herbert Wild.

Mr. W. F. Hawkins one of the oldtimers of Holy Trinity congregation was the guest speaker at the November meeting of the Men's Club, and his address was magnificent. We wish more men would come out on the third Monday of each month.

The Mothers' Union will meet on December 5th at the home of Mrs. H. Cable.

It is with deep regret we record the passing of Mrs. Agnes Marie McLean. Mrs. McLean was present when the first services of this congregation were held, and has been a faithful member for fifty-three years. It was at her suggestion that the church was named "Holy Trinity," this being the name of the church she had attended near London, Ontario. We offer our sympathy to the members of her family and express our thankfulness for all she has meant to this parish throughout the years.

The staff and scholars of the Sunday School would like to thank all who were kind enough to drive the children to the Rally. Congratulations to our four prizewinners.

Parish Hall: At the last Vestry meeting a committee was appointed to examine the plans of the proposed hall, and submit a report as to costs, etc. If materials can be found and a sufficient sum is in hand, we hope to commence work next year. At the moment we have \$4,300 on hand, but we are asking for generous contributions from individuals and organizations towards this necessary step in our parish life. Make this a must in your giving.

ST. FAITH'S The Rev. L. M. Watts

Mr. Ivan Fawkes, who has been writing these notes for some months past left with Mrs. Fawkes on October 31st to work in the Gordon Indian Residential School at Punnichy, Sask. We were inspired by this offer of service for the Church on the part of these two young people. It was an offer that was made with sacrifice, and we are deeply concerned about the news that has just reached us of the serious illness of Mr. Fawkes. We understand that it will mean the abandoning of this venture of service on the part of our two friends. They expect to return to Edmonton in the near future. We pray for Mr. Fawkes' recovery.

As we look over the activities of the various church groups during the past month we note that the—

A.Y.P.A. officers were installed by the Rector at the evening service on October 20th. President, David Cleveley; Vice-President, Bill Miller; Secretary, Marion Scragg; Treasurer, Peggy Hodges. On a recent work night the group addressed, stamped and filled some 480 envelopes with Council for Social Service Bulletins. These are mailed periodically to people in all parishes of the Diocese. The Diocesan Council is grateful for this service.

The Young People of the older group entertained a group of men from the R.C.A.F. at Namao at a recent house party.



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The Young Married Couples Group met at the rectory after the evening service on November 3rd and had a lively discussion about a number of things connected with the Church.

The Junior W.A. had a stall at the Senior W.A. bazaar and made just over \$10.00. Congratulations to the girls and their leader, Mrs. E. Douglas.

The Intermediate Girls, under their new leader, Miss P. Pryor are busy knitting squares for an afghan, and from the amount of noise, having lots of fun

The Evening W.A. members are busy preparing for their sale on November 30th.

The Afternoon W.A. held their annual bazaar on Friday, November 15th. The attendance was not quite as good as in other years, but the receipts were only a shade below normal. Such was the abundance of things for sale that one visitor said, "Isn't it amazing where all the stuff comes from." It comes from the diligence and interest of all the members. The W.A. has grown during the last few months, and we are glad to record the fact. The bazaar was under the general direction of the president, Mrs. H. Davis, and the following were the conveners: Tea Tables. Mrs. Mutter and Mrs. Pattison; Aprons, Mrs. Clark; Novelties, Mrs. Cole; Fancy Work, Mrs. Mason; Home Cooking, Mrs.

Currey.
The Sanctuary Guild, under the leadership of Mrs. Greene, goes on quietly doing its special piece of service in the Church. During recent months the members have also been taking the altar flowers to the sick and shut-ins. This is very much appreciated. The Guild asks that any who wish to give flowers on any particular Sunday please put their name against the date on the board in the church

The Choirs continue to render their valuable assistance in the Sunday services. It is interesting to see the boys' choir

steadily growing.

The Sunday School is grateful to the men who came along with cars to supply the transport to and from the Rally at All Saints'. We record with pleasure the steady attendance of the teachers. Regular teachers mean everything to a Sunday

Visitors to the parish during the past month include Archdeacon Tackaberry, who preached at the morning service on Children's Day; and the Rev. R. F. Palmer, S.S.J.E., who preached at the evening service on November 3rd, when the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies paraded.

ST. MARK'S THE REV. A. ELLIOTT

The Cubs had an exciting party on Hallowe'en night, at the home of Mrs. T. Marks. Games, inspired by witches and ghosts provided rousing entertainment. After a delicious lunch Ronald and Raymond Foley lead in a sing-song. Jimmie Hopkins sang several songs.

At the Council Fire, on Friday, Nov. 8, the following cubs were invested with Tender Pads by the Rector: Keith Wilson, Adolf Melynk, Donald Richards, Ronnie Soboleff, Edward Johnson and Norman Soper. A good attendance of mothers and fathers with the members of the Vestry were present. Congratulations boys, on your progress.

Mr. T. Marks and Mr. Soper have joined the group committee sponsoring the Cubs. A meeting was held of the cubs' mothers, for the purpose of forming an Auxiliary. They will soon be holding

regular meetings.

The Sunday School have held two successful whist drives, in aid of Christmas funds. They are preparing for their Christmas concert. Mr. Bryan Campbell Hope has joined the staff and we welcome his call to service. Attendance is increasing, especially in the primary depart-

We were sorry that Miss Faith Hawkins was unable to continue with the Juniors. During the past year she had organized the girls into an ardent group. They are now meeting on Tuesdays at 4.30 p.m., under the leadership of Miss Juanita Garton.

On Friday, November 29th, the W.A. held a service in the church comemorating St. Andrew's Day. Their Christmas bazaar is to be held on December 5th.

Recently the children of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rutledge were christened, Marilyn Nancy, Shirley Florence and William

An Evening Group of the church has been formed. The members meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays. Mrs. Tudor Marks is the president. We wish these ladies every success, and hope their devotion will be entirely for His service.



ST. MARY'S THE REV. W. T. ELKIN

October and November have proven to be very active at St. Mary's, as all organizations get well into the swing of winter activities.

A truly beautiful and impressive Harvest Thanksgiving Service was held the first Sunday in October. vegetables and flowers were in abundance, depicting our thankfulness for a bountiful

Children's Day and Youth Sunday were marked October 20th, at which evening service the speaker was Dr. A. Harding Priest, Western Field Secretary of the G.B.R.E.

Two services of special interest to St. Mary's parishioners fell on October 27th. At the 11 a.m. service the Bishop baptized the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elkin, Susan Kay; at the evening service

the Bishop was again present, together with the rector's warden and the people's warden, Mr. H. Cuff and Mr. A. Potter respectively, to induct the Rev. Wm T. Elkin to St. Mary's Church.

The Chi Rho Fellowship held its opening meeting in the form of a social evening, Friday, November 8th. It is hoped to increase the present membership before the New Year. All ex-A.Y. members (or otherwise) past A.Y. age and interested in Chi Rho, please contact Mr. Elkin.

The W.A.—afternoon and evening groups—held a corporate communion November 3rd a.m. The church was well filled and a lovely service it was indeed. The evening group of the W.A. held their annual fall Bazaar and Tea at Mrs. R. C. Marshall's home on November 6th. The event was reported to be a real success. The afternoon group will hold their Christmas tea and bazaar in the parish hall on Friday, November 29th, from 3 to 5.30 p.m. Full support of the congregation and their friends will be greatly appre-

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Confirmation and Bible classes respectively have been started for the fall term. Both are held each Sunday at 10 a.m. at

St. Mary's.

Marriages: November 6th, Michael Senkoe and Marjorie Evelyn Gilmer; November 9th, Frederick Trevor Clouston and Shirley Valentine Watters; November 11th, John Thomas Morrell and Melvina Edna Fowler; November 13th, Leonard Basil Overton and Barbara Dorothy Curtis.

Holy Baptism: October 19th, Philip John Mapplebeck; October 27th, Susan

Kay Elkin.



ST. STEPHEN'S (Cor. 96th St. and 109th Ave.) The Rev. C. E. F. Wolff

A Requiem Eucharist was said by the rector on Remembrance Day morning (Nov. 11th) in the Children's Chapel. Later in the morning many St. Stephen's parishioners attended a service on Kingsway, under the auspices of Branch 175 of the Canadian Legion, conducted by the rector with the assistance of Rev. Fr. Green (Roman Catholic).

A small class of adults is now being prepared for Confirmation, which will be held at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11th. A social hour will be held in the hall afterward.

Members of this congregation who were able to attend will remember a very wonderful week spent in company with Father Palmer, S.S.J.E., during the city mission. Many from St. Stephen's were present night after night, and while it is a matter for deep regret that we were unable to welcome Father Palmer to our church we hope to have this opportunity at a later date.

The Choir is getting ready for Christmas. We should like some reinforcements, of all voices.

At the time of this writing the Willing Workers are arranging a bazaar for November 20th, about which more in the next issue.

The Sunday School is growing in numbers and progress. The change of hour to ten o'clock Sunday morning from the former time after the Sunday Eucharist seems proving to be much more suitable.

A social gathering is held in the church hall after Evensong on the second and fourth Sundays of each month; plans for the second Sunday are in the hands of the A.Y.P.A. and of the choir for the fourth Sunday. At the social held on November 10th, the rector gave a brief talk in refutation of an editorial on a Church

matter which had apeared in a local newspaper.

The A.Y.P.A., which has arranged an interesting series of meetings, entertained the Diocesan Council after the Council meeting on October 25th. They are also helping to renovate the club room—only one of many very essential church repairs.

All men of the parish are invited to join the Men's Guild.

A leaflet regarding Christian services will be sent to all parishioners in due course. In the meantime, attention is directed to the following time table of regular services: Sunday—7.45 a.m., The Litany; 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Sunday School; 11 a.m., Sung Eucharist; 7.30 p.m., Evensong. Weekdays—Holy Communion 8 a.m. on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays; Wednesdays at 10 a.m., Evensong daily except Saturday at 8.30 p.m. and Saturday at 7.30 p.m., followed by Confession.



ST. MATTHEW'S (90th St. and 102nd Ave.)

Will members of St. Matthew's kindly note the times of services:

1st and 3rd Sundays: Evensong at 3 p.m.

2nd and 4th Sundays: Holy Communion at 9.15 a.m.

The Sunday School meets each Sunday at 11 a.m.

The Rector is very pleased to be able to say that attendances at the church services have been most encouraging. He hopes that they will continue to improve during the months ahead of us.

A Junior Choir is in process of formation. Choir practices will be held each Thursday afternoon at 4.30 p.m. in the church hall.

The W.A. held their annual Bazaar on Wednesday, November 30th, and report very good results from their efforts.

Gas heating has now been installed in the church and hall—a much needed improvement. This has been made possible partly by a loan of \$100 from the Diocesan Board of W.A. We must strain every effort to repay this as soon as possible and thus show our appreciation to the Board

The Christmas Day Service will be held at 9.30 a.m.

The Sunday School Christmas party will be held in the church hall, on Monday, Dec. 30th. Get ready, youngsters!

To those who read these notes: We have a good church plant, a warm and friendly atmosphere and the desire to get ahead. We need you. If you are not now regularly attending, come along and join us The game has been going on for a

long time. It is St. Matthew's against the Devil. If you are not with us, let us hope that we are not to conclude that you are against us!

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THE REV. W. W. BUXTON

The splendid open fall season has come to a close and winter is really here. The ideal weather gave us a splendid chance to visit many of our country parishioners and to renew pleasant acquaintances.

Our W.A. branch has been verybusy, its biggest undertaking being the Fall Supper which was held on November 2nd. We were delighted to have as our guests the Rt. Rev. W. E. and Mrs. Barfoot and Father Palmer. They enjoyed their supper and afterward visited for a short while at the vicarage. Everyone in the parish helped in one way or another to the success of the supper, which gave great encouragement to the committee in charge.

The whist and bridge drive series of the W.A. has been moderately successful so far. Our next party will be held Nov. 25th and we are hoping for a larger attendance then.

The W.A. presented a Life Membership Pin and Certificate to Mrs. Myrtle Graham on Wednesday, October 30th. Mrs. Graham had left the parish recently to take up residence in Edmonton. She has been a member of the W.A. for thirty years and has held different offices a number of times during that period.

Mrs. H. P. Reid, Diocesan Treasurer, and Mrs. C. H. Harris, Diocesan Life Members' Secretary, were present at the service of presentation in St. George's Church, at which the Rector officiated. Following the service a very pleasant social hour was spent at the vicarage.

It was during this hour that the Rector told us that the Bishop had given his permission for us to make use of a small Anglican church near Ardrossan, which has not been used for several years. This will fit in ideally for our plans for a new parish hall or memorial hall and we are indeed grateful.

Owing to the kindness of Mr. C. H. Williams, Mr. J. P. Wiede and Mrs. A. Stannard in providing transportation we were able to take the Sunday School members to Edmonton on Sunday, Oct. 27th, to attend the Rally Day Service at All Saints' Cathedral, John Neal was the proud recipient of the Bishop's prize, and Marjorie Stannard an R.T.S. award winner also attended. The children enjoyed the service and Father Palmer's address on "Prayer—Talking with God."

We are pleased to have amongst us again, if only for the winter months, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Carscadden, who left last June for an extended trip through Ontario, Maritime Provinces and the Eastern States, and who returned last month.

Mr. H. Staples who underwent an operation in the University Hospital recently is reported to be making good progress toward recovery.

Mr. W. A. Graham passed away in an Edmonton hospital Saturday, November 16th, following a serious operation. He will be missed in the parish, he being a faithful member for many years.

All the residents of the town participated in the Memorial Day Services, held at the Cenotaph, on Monday, November 11th. The Rev. W. Buxton and the Rev. W. D. Race officiated at the very impressive service.

The young people of the parish gathered once again at the vicarage on the third Sunday of the month following evening service. The young people anticipate these evening gatherings with great pleasure, and all heard with enthusiasm our rector's expressed hope that we form a club in the near future.

May all of you have a Very Merry and Happy Christmas.



Rural Deanery of Pembina

ST. CATHERINE'S, EDSON

CANON W. DEV. A. HUNT

The W.A. were very successful with their annual winter sale on the 16th, in spite of the fact that winter descended upon us that same day. The sewing was a splendid display, and many thanks are due to the Dorcas Secretary, Mrs. Dobson, and her workers. The home cooking kept up its remarkable standard, and the teables were well patronized. Two of the Junior girls sold Church calendars.

We are sorry to report the death of Mr. H. Gregson, who was buried on the 6th of November. Mrs. Gregson has long been one of our W.A. members, and has helped with the Girls' Auxiliary. It was unfortunate that her two sons, Joe and Bill, were too far away to be able to attend their father's funeral, but the youngest, Jim, was present, and also Mrs. Gregson's sister, who arrived from Manitoba to be with her. Our sympathy is extended to Mrs. Gregson and her boys.

Flowers for Remembrance Day were sent by Mrs. Davies and Mrs. Gregg.

Sunday School: From September until now the attendance at Sunday School has been very irregular. Few of the children have a perfect attendance record, and sickness has not been the cause of all failures to attend. We hope that parents will try to co-operate with the Sunday School teachers and see to it that the children attend regularly, since the latter cannot derive much benefit from a spasmodic attendance.

On the fourth Suday of each month there is to be a Children's Service at 11.45 and parents and friends of the children are cordially invited to attend. It is a great help to the children to know that the adult congregation is interested in their worship, and adults by their attendance and worship can help to train the congregation

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HATTONFORD

The congregation of All Saints' has lost two of its old time members in the persons of Mr. and Mrs. Bryant, who have retired and gone to live in Edmonton. They take with them the good wishes of the congregation for a well earned rest after years of strenuous pioneering.

During the third week in November a house to house visitation in connection with the Anglican Advance Appeal was made in the district by the Vicar and his warden, Mr. Henry Ford. A hearty welcome and a generous response was accorded the visitors in nearly every case. The policy of making the A.A.A. canvass in country places after the harvest has been gathered in, seems fully justified in the case of Hattonford.

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Holy Baptism: On Sunday, 27th Oct., in St. Luke's Church, Clyde, Ronald Wayne Clements, Terence Robert Clements, Kenneth Edward Stevens, Phyllis Johanna Stevens.

Burials: Clyde cemetery, George R. Gibbons, 17th October.

Holy Matrimony: On October 12th, in St. Mary's Church, Barrhead, Thomas Walter Tharp of Manola, to Hazel Mortimer, formerly of London, England.

On Sunday, 29th Sept., the Bishop of the Diocese visited the parish and the itinerary included a Confirmation Service at St. Luke's, Clyde, at 9.30 a.m., Morning Prayer at Westlock at 11.30 a.m., Evening Prayer at Sunnybank at 3 p.m. and Evening Prayer at Barrhead at 7.30 p.m. On Monday, 30th Sept., the Bishop proceeded to Jarvie where a service of Evening Prayer was held and following the service there was a reception for the Bishop.

It is with real and justifiable pride that the members of St. Mary's Church, Barrhead, can now look upon the fulfilment of an old dream—that of putting the vicarage on a firm and lasting foundation. The task has just been completed in time before the cold blasts of winter arrive.

Mrs. Houghton, the president of St. Mary's W.A., has gone to spend the winter months at the coast and our best wishes go with her for a happy stay there. Her able leadership and guidance will be sadly missed, but we do look forward very much to her return to Barrhead in the spring.



ST. MARY'S AND ST. GEORGE, JASPER

THE REV. T. C. B. BOON

On Children's Day and Youth Sunday the Junior W.A. paraded to church with their Banner, under the leadership of Mrs. Peterson; Lenore Clark had the honour of being the Banner Bearer on this occasion. The Cubs also attended church in the morning, under the direction of Assistant Cubmaster John Hudson. This was a very happy service. In the evening the High School Council attended by invitation and we were glad to welcome representatives of the school staff and School Trustees. The Lessons were read by two of our own boys, Don Clark, who is president of the Council, and Tom Peterson; we should like to congratulate them both on their excellent reading.

Confirmation classes are now being held twice a week, and we are looking forward to the visit of the Bishop on Sunday, December 8th.

Our Senior Sunday School work-books have now arrived, and this is a great help. It is a real plesure to have Mr. Ray Holland teaching the Senior Class of boys. Parents are reminded that the annual White Gift Service of the Sunday School will be held on December 15th; the children are asked to bring toys and gifts to be sent to one of our Indian missions.

The Senior W.A. has been devoting itself to sewing, and the members have been working overtime to make the sale of work on December 4th a success. Both Senior and Evening Branch W.A's have sent off their Social Service bales, and the E.B.-W.A. are getting together a parcel of Christmas gifts to be sent into Edmonton for children. Also two members of the E.B.W.A. are diligently working on a quilt to be included in this parcel.

The Girls' Auxiliary, under the leadership of Estelle Blenko, has made a good start. The present officers are: President, Marjorie Seward; Sec., Joan McNeilly; Treas., Berernice Thrasher.

The Junior W.A. has just completed a very fine series of scrap books, and these have already been sent in.

The Little Helpers Annual Rally was held in the parish hall on the afternoon of November 5th, and although the attendance was not so large as usual, owing to bad colds, it was a very happy occasion. As Mrs. Edenborough, Little Helpers' Secretary, called the roll, the small children came up and presented their boxes and gifts were received amounting to \$12.20. We thought the Little Helpers did well last year, but this is better still and we hope the good work will be maintained. Mrs. Earl Watt kindly provided the birthday cake, and members of the Senior Branch and the E.B.W.A. provided the lunch.

The appointment of Socrates Andrews as Cubmaster and John Hudson as Assistant Cubmaster are ones which should give great satisfaction to all parents and others interested in "cubbing."

We are all very sorry to know that Mrs. C. Milner is leaving Jasper. She is one of the two oldest members of the church and the W.A. that we have, her association going back for thirty-three years. The Senior W.A. entertained her at the home of Mrs. Popey on Friday, November 1st, and presented her with a gift. On Tuesday, November 12th, the Vestry held a social evening in Mrs. Milner's honour for the members of the congregation and presented her with a beautiful coloured picture of the church. We shall greatly miss Mrs. Milner, her loyalty has been conspicuous and she has throughout the years been generous and worked hard in the interests of the parish. The best wishes of the congregation go with her wherever she may be in the future, and we hope that she will not forget to visit us whenever she is able.

Christmas Services: The Carol Service will be held on Sunday, December 22nd, at 7.30 p.m.

Choral Celebration of Holy Communion at 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve.

Holy Communion at 9.00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Morning Prayer and Sermon Christmas morning at 11 o'clock, to which parents are urged to bring their children and make it a family service so that the children may realize the true significance of the Christmas Festival.

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ST. SAVIOUR'S, VERMILION THE VEN. W. LEVERSEDGE

The combined Harvest Thanksgiving and the 40th Anniversary Services were held on October 20th, when we were very pleased to have with us Dean Trendell of All Saints', Edmonton, whose sermons we enjoyed very much, even though he did make us feel a little homesick by his description of his home church and its surroundings in Old England. The day's services were a record in every way, and were very inspiring. The newly reorganized choir rendered a beautiful anthem and led the hearty singing at these services.

The following Sunday, October 27th, there was no service as the Archdeacon was called into Edmonton by the Bishop to attend the mission to be held there for the week of Oct. 27th to Nov. 3rd.

At the morning service on Nov.10th there was church parade by the Air Cadets, the Canadian Legion and the Legion Auxiliary, which very nearly took up the whole church. The guest preacher on this occasion was the Rev. W. Harrison of South Edmonton, who spoke very simply but very sincerely in remembrance of the soldiers of both wars, who did not come back. He was also the preacher at Evensong and at the Service of Dedication at the Cenotaph and at the service in the theatre afterwards. He was greatly enjoyed by everyone who heard him.

The Happy Hour Group held a very successful Tea and Bazaar on Nov. 2nd, which was well attended, and well deserving of success for the amount of work they

put into it.

At the W.A. meeting last week a great deal of work was turned in for the coming bazaar on Dec. 7th. At corporate communion on Sunday morning, Nov. 17th there was a fairly good turnout in spite of the sudden cold spell. There was no Evensong on this date but our congregation was invited to attend evening service at the United Church in observance of Bible Sunday.



CHRIST CHURCH, MANNVILLE THE REV. V. P. COLE

On St. Luke's Day, October 18th, we were pleased to welcome Rt. Rev. W. F. Barfoot and the Rev. S. J. Bell to the Parish of Christ Church, Mannville, for the dedication of the Memorial Font given in memory of Ronald Anthony Thomas. The Bishop dedicated the Font and Mr. Bell preached the sermon.

Christ Church A.Y.P.A. held a very successful whist drive in the parish hall on October 29th, and plans are now being

made to hold similar gatherings once a month during the winter months.

The regular meeting of Christ Church W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Manz, on the evening of November 5th, with all members present. Final plans were made for the Bazaar, which is to be held in the parish hall on Saturday, December 7th. The secretary read a very charming letter to the members from Mrs. C. E. Johnston, of Saskatoon, who is a life member of the W.A. After the meeting Mrs. Manz served a delicious lunch.

The A.Y.P.A. held a short business meeting after the service on Sunday, November 10th. A formal dance was planned, to be held in the Orange Hall on November 22nd, and also a whist drive to be held in the parish hall on November 28th. Mrs. Hubbard and Mr. Lugg were elected to take the evening service on Sunday, November the 17th.

Holy Matrimony: October 18th, Clarence John Cannan to Gladys May Gilbert; November 12th, Raymond Cecil Nelson to Marion Elva Smith: Nov. 16th. Dudley Ivan Staden to Lois Evelyn Nicoll.



ST. ALBAN'S, CHAILEY

The regular monthly meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. T. H. Rostron, with fifteen members and several visitors present. More Christmas cards were sold. It was decided to hold our November meeting on November 30th instead of November 27th, to take advantage of St. Andrew's intercession.

On account of low funds we have asked permission for a stall with Mannville W.A. Our "grab bag" netted us \$1.70.

Church services have been held as scheduled.

Rural Deanery of Wainwright

ST. THOMAS', WAINWRIGHT

Harvest Festival Services on Sunday, October 20th, were well attended. The church was nicely decorated with fruit, flowers, grain and vegetables, and there was a huge loaf of bread. Many thanks for these significant gifts of a bountiful harvest and to those who so nicely arranged them. Canon G. H. Crane-Williams conducted the services and he has been coming from Edmonton each Sunday since for services at Wainwright and country points. We are grateful to him for his help.

The W.A. held their regular meeting November 5th in the parish hall. Part of the proceedings was a shower of gifts for the W.A. sale on December 14th, and a good number of articles were received

The Junior W.A. girls enjoyed a Hallowe'en party in the hall on Nov. 1st.

The Sunday School now numbers Mrs. O. Griffiths and Miss E. Arkwright with its staff, and their help is indeed welcome and appreciated. Thanks to these ladies and the other teachers who are carrying on this important work. We would also like to register appreciation for the help

Mrs. G. Cartier is giving as church organist, now that Mrs. R. Greer has left after so many years of faithful service in that capacity.

A farewell gathering was held in the parish hall November 13th for Mr. and Mrs. Greer, who have now left for British Columbia.

• The People's Warden, Mr. T. Lissimore, on behalf of the congregation of St. Thomas', thanked Mrs. Greer for her many years of faithful service as organist and presented her with a matched set of jewelry as a token of esteem and appreciation. Sincere regret was expressed by the Wardens at Mr. and Mrs. Greer's departure from our parish.

Flowers in the sanctuary during the month were given by Mrs. Seabrook and family in memory of Mr. F. Seabrook, and also from the family of the late Mrs. Pecknold. This lady and her husband, the late Major Pecknold were parishioners of St. Thomas' many years ago. The funeral service for Mrs. Pecknold was held at All Saints', Edmonton, and the interment took place in the Wainwright cemetery.



HOLY TRINITY, TOFIELD

THE REV. E. N. B. ORME

The two special highlights of the past month were the coming of Bishop Barfoot for the service of Confirmation, on the morning of October 20th, and the attendance of the older Sunday School scholars at the Annual Rally which was held at All Saints' Cathedral. The former service was very impressive and helpful to those present. We are always glad to have our Bishop come to us, and his message reminds us of our own Confirmation vows.

Mr. and Mrs. Orme and Mr. and Mrs. Coatta accompanied the children and their Sunday School teacher to the Rally, and our thanks are extended to them for driving their cars. We all met at the vicarage. Upon arriving at the Cathedral children seemed to be coming from everywhere, all apparently expectant, wondering and happy. The Cathedral was packed. The special service sheets should be treasured by the scholars. It was a happy, cheerful service—the Bishop, clergy, teachers, lovely organ music, flowers and Fr. Palmer's address all added to the dignity and beauty of the Service. The Bishop presented the various prizes and Kathleen Thomson was fortunate in winning a prize for her booklet. Congratutions, Kathleen. After the service we seemed reluctant to leave—there were so many friends to greet. Finally we climbed into the two cars and our congenial drivers drove us over to the Jasper Place home of Mrs. J. A. L. Smith (nee Isabel Robinson, Tofield,) where at her kind invitation we chatted and enjoyed sandwiches, cookies and cocoa before leaving for home. Mrs. W. Robinson stayed over for a few days and attended the mission conducted by the Rev. Roland F. Palmer.

The social hour held at the vicarage on October 17th was a very happy affair. It was sponsored by the W.A. in honour of the war brides in our parish and also for Agnes McHeffey, bride-elect of the month. Each was presented with a lovely cup and saucer by our president, Miss L. Baptist, who welcomed them on behalf of the W.A. to our community, Church and W.A. to our community, Church and W.A. A lovely lunch was served. Mrs. J. W. Robinson poured tea, Mesdames Sutherand, Barden, Baptist and Orme served.

The regular monthly' meeting of the W.A. was held at the home of Mrs. Holmes, with eleven present. We were very pleased to welcome Mrs. Norman Glover as a new member and also to enroll her son, William Edmund, as a Little Helper. At this meeting our Study Book which has been ably taken by Mrs. Baptist, was finished. We shall be commencing at the beginning of the New Year our new Study Book, "India at the Threshold." After various business matters had been attended to arrangements were made for our Bazaar, which is to be held on Saturday, December 7th, in the curling rink.

We were indeed sorry to hear Mr. Porter had broken his arm, and also that Mrs. Second had been ill. We hope they will soon be well again.

Confirmed: October 20th, Michael Edward James Orme.

Services: December 1st, 11 a.m., Holy Communion, Tofield; and 3 p.m. Lindbrook.

December 8th, 11 a.m., Holy Communion, Viking; 2.30 p.m., Rodino.

December 15th, 7.30 p.m. Tofield; 3 p.m. Lindbrook.

December 22nd, 7.30 p.m., Viking, Holy Communion; 10 a.m. Kinsella, Holy Communion; 12 a.m. Rodino, Holy Communion.

December 24th, 11.30 a.m., Holy Communion, Viking.

Christmas, Dec. 25th, 11 a.m., Holy Communion, Tofield.

Dec. 29th, 3 p.m., Tofield, and 11 a.m. Lindbrook, Holy Communion.



KINSELLA

Audrey Rivelle and Jacqualine Lever were confirmed here on October 13th by Bishop Barfoot. Afterwards a very nice tea was served by Mrs. William Rivelle.

A surprise farewell party was held on November 9th for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Daniel, who are going to make their new home at Kelowna, B.C. We regret to see such old-timers of the district leave us, but we wish them every success in the future. They were presented with a lovely gift of remembrance.

On October 31st the Rodino W.A. held a successful shower for the English war brides, Mrs. Jasper Pagett, Mrs. William Rivelle, with the help of the W.A. members, served tea. We wish Mrs. Pagett every happiness in her new Canadian home.

The annual fall bazaar and social was held on November 8th at the community hall. It being a very successful evening and we wish to thank all who attended, and also those who so kindly helped us.

On November 6th Mr. and Mrs. Ian Daniel became the proud parents of a son, Douglas Ian.

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THE REV. E. N. P. ORME

Our annual sale of work, home cooking stall, afternoon tea and rummage stall was a great success on Saturday, Nov. 2nd. The parish hall was beautifully decorated by Warden Clark, and the tea tables very festive with lovely mums sent from Langley Prairie, B.C., by Mrs. George Bird.

Several of the young people of the parish were confirmed by the Bishop on Sunday, October 20th, and a number of babies baptized last Saturday, November 9th, by the Rev. E. N. P. Orme.

Wedding: Miss Beatrice Starky to Mr. Grant Fredericks, both of Bruce, October 25th.



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We have greatly enjoyed the ministrations of the visiting clergy, who have so kindly taken services for us whilst we are without a resident priest. At the same time, it is hoped that the vacancy here will soon be filled, so that interest may be maintained in the Church and all it can mean to those who attend regularly.

It is with a great deal of regret that we announce the departure from our parish of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Pawsey andEileen, who have moved to Chilliwack, B.C. We wish them every happiness and success in their new life there, and feel quite confident that the parish to which they have gone will benefit greatly by our loss. The entire community will miss this fine family for a long time to come, but, sad as we are to see them go, we are proud of their many achievements in this parish and village, and heartily wish them every blessing God can bestow.

The Senior W.A. are deviating somewhat this year from the usual bazaar and home-cooking sale, and we hope to give details in the next issue—also, good results!

All concerned are asked to keep in mind that our Christmas Service will be held on Sunday, the 22nd December, at 11 a.m. Archdeacon S. F. Tackaberry will conduct the service on that occasion.

Marriage: Arthur George Pawsey to Margaret Elizabeth McBride. Canon Crane-Williams performed the ceremony.

Again may we ask that those who have not yet paid their subscription to this publication will do so at the earliest opportunity. Mr. R. Kingston, or Mr. F. F. Mitchell, are both authorized to accept subscriptions.

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ST. ANDREW'S, CAMROSE

THE REV. A. WALLIS

Our Bazaar was an outstanding success. We had catered for a banquet the previous day, and the two efforts meant giving without counting the cost. The response was heart-warming. It was a friendly, happy afternoon; the tea was fragrant and the Juniors' candy apples nearly caused a riot. Thank you all very much.

Earlier on in the month the two groups (Mrs. Veal's and the Young Married) had held sales, with satisfying results.

We heard more about the British and Foreign Bible Society from Mr. Burkwall; his enthusiasm is infectious; the need great.

Remembrance Day: "God so loved the world" was the text.

We thought of His sacrifice, and of those "lesser calvaries," and we knelt silently remembering.

The lovely flowers were from Mr. and Mrs. Cary and family, for David.

Our A.Y.P.A. officers are as follows:

President, Emma Ashmore; Vice-Pres., Laura Clipperton; Sec.-Treas., Dorothy Moorby. Vice-Pres. of Work, Fred East; Worship, Bernice Lomas; Fellowship, Eric Ness; Edification, Audrey Bradley.

The young people seem to be having happy, useful meetings; we wish them Godspeed.

The Girls and Juniors worked hard for the Bazaar; they had done some of the needlework themselves, and the little boxes of candies were not left long to grace the table. Some of them helped the grownups wash dishes downstairs; its a great thing to be willing to do the uninteresting jobs. Thank you, girls!

Happy Christmas to everyone; especially to Frog Lake Mission!

ST. DUNSTAN'S, BITTERN LAKE

The W.A. plan to hold a sale of work in the community hall, December 6th, and members are very busy sewing and knitting for this.

The Rev. Mr. Burkwall, Northern Alberta representative of the British and Foreign Bible Society, was the guest preacher at the service, Sunday, Oct. 27th.

We regret very much losing the four Lomas girls from our Sunday School, and our good wishes follow them to their new home in Camrose.



ST. PAUL'S, LEDUC

The Rev. W. T. Elkin was in charge of our service November 10th, and presented members of the Sunday School with their certificates for the G.B.R.E. examinations.

The Suday School pupils and teachers attended the Rally held in All Saints' Cathedral. Congratulations go to Niel Wilkinson who obtained the Bishop's prize.

W.A.: The W.A. met at the home of Mrs. Allin, when final preparations for the bazaar were made.

The Junior Choir held a party after practice, November 6th, when a very enjoyable time was had by all.

PONOKA

THE REV. F. A. PEAKE

Our newly formed A.Y.P.A. derived considerable inspiration from the visit of the Diocesan Council on October 25th. Arriving in time for the morning service they swelled our congregation considerably and then, in the afternoon, conducted an informal conference in the parish hall, to show the uninitiated what the A.Y.P.A. is all about. At Evensong the lessons were read by Don Hatfield and Frank Mathews. Our sincere thanks are extended to members of the Council for their visit, and to the members of our own congregation for their kind hospitality.

On November 3rd we had the unexpected pleasure of a visit from the Bishop, in the absence of the parish priest who spent the weekend in the Onoway-Wabamun Mission. The Bishop was again present on November 12th at the monthly meeting of the Vestry, having come down to confirm three adult candidates.

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The W.A. held their annual Tea and Bazaar on November 9th and report very satisfactory results. The W.A. have also undertaken the sale of Church calendars. It is our hope that there will be a Church calendar in every church home. Please order yours and an extra one for a friend, as soon as poissble. The Holy Communion on St. Andrew's Day will be a corporate celebration for the W.A.

At its last meeting the Vestry reviewed the church buildings. It is becoming increasingly evident that we must have the use of our parish hall, and the school will probably be asked to find other quarters next year. As the erection of a new church does not seem likely in the immediate future, repairs and renovations are to be made to the existing building. Detailed plans are not available but will include the enlargement of the sanctuary, insulation of the ceiling, and lining of the walls. Work will begin as soon as possible next year.

At the present time an altar is being made and will, it is hoped, be installed before Christmas. It is to be the gift of the A.Y.P.A.



ST. MARK'S, HARDISTY

Since the removal of the Rev. F. Baker from our parish we have been most fortunate in having Rev. Canon Clough take our services.

On Sunday, October 20th, we held our Harvest Thanksgiving Service. Members of the W.A. decorated the church with vegetables, fruit and house-plants. The lovely yellow chrysanthemums on the altar were given by the W.A. in loving memory of Mrs. Rose Matthews.

A baptismal service was also held, when Gail Louise, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thorpe, Jr., was christened. Altogether it was a lovely and inspiring service.

The W.A. has arranged the annual bazaar for November 16th, and plans are afoot to make it the best ever. The October meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Trapp, with a good attendance.

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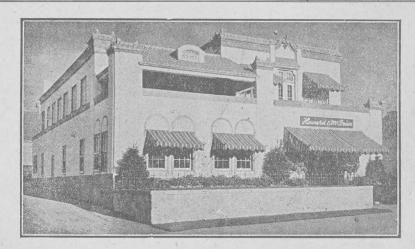
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